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General Timoshenko, who is the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian forces in the war against Germany.

## FRENCH WARSHIPS ATTACKED

20,000-Ton Italian  
Liner Torpedoed  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, June 24 (UP).  
—An Admiralty communique states that the British fleet and air arm operating off the coast of Syria shelled and torpedoed at least three Vichy destroyers yesterday morning.

**Italian Line Sunk**  
The Admiralty claimed that submarines, operating in the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, torpedoed a 20,000-ton Italian liner and sunk an enemy supply ship.

The communique added "naval aircraft also carried out successful attacks on the ports of Beirut and Tripoli, as well as ships and shipping in those ports."

**R. N. Activity**  
LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique states, "Units TURN to Back Page, Column 4"

## BRITAIN'S WAR BILL

**£10,250,000 Per Day**  
LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).  
—Notwithstanding the generous supplies received from America under the Lease and Lend enactment, Britain is still spending £10,250,000 daily on the war and her national expenditure under all heads is at the rate of £4,400,000,000 per year.  
The House of Commons to-day, without division, voted £1,000,000,000 credit for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Ministry of Supply.  
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood declared that compared with February when the last £1,000,000,000 was voted, there had been a further increase in the rate of expenditure on the war.  
**Investors' Contributions**  
Britain's foreign expenditure had naturally fallen, but domestic expenditure had increased correspondingly. Investors were contributing nearly £40,000,000 a week.  
A further effort in this direction was still possible and a new drive is to be launched to expand throughout the country the network of savings groups and increase the rate of individual savings.

## Sea Battle Off South Sweden Reported

**Special to the "Telegraph"**  
STOCKHOLM, June 24, (UP).—Vigorous detonations which are believed to be the result of gunfire and aerial bombardments were heard last night and this morning off the Swedish south coast, particularly the island of Gotland, and as far as Stockholm.  
It is believed a naval battle is in progress.

**South of Helsinki**  
NEW YORK, June 24 (Reuter).—A sea battle south of Helsinki is reported in the Swedish newspaper "Alltids", according to a Stockholm despatch. Gunfire has been

# STRONG SOVIET RESISTANCE ADMITTED BY THE GERMANS

## Big Air Battle And Sea Fight Reported

ANKARA, June 24 (REUTER).—A SEA FIGHT IS REPORTED TO BE GOING ON OFF THE BULGARIAN COAST (BLACK SEA), ACCORDING TO RUMOURS FROM VARNA. SOVIET CRUISERS, DESTROYERS AND SUBMARINES ARE SAID TO BE FIGHTING GERMAN AIRCRAFT, BUT THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION. THE GERMANS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE MINED THE BULGARIAN AND RUMANIAN COAST, BUT THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT A NARROW CHANNEL AT THE MOUTH OF THE BOSPHORUS UNMINED.

Axis sources here admit that the Germans are meeting very strong opposition in Bukovina and state that the Russians are not fighting a defensive battle but are attacking.

Russian sources tell of a huge air battle all along the front with the Soviets holding their own.

Reports from Bucharest state that a Rumanian column from Galatz advanced eight kilometres towards Tarutin, due south of Kishinev.

## SOVIETS 400-MILE AIR RAID

### Selected Targets Attacked

**Special to the "Telegraph"**  
MOSCOW, June 24 (UP).—The Moscow press to-night gave but brief accounts of the activities of the Red army. However one report stated that Red troops "somewhere in a western military district" had repulsed a German attack.

## MOSCOW TESTS ITS DEFENCES

### First Air Alert

MOSCOW, June 24 (Reuter).  
—The city's first air raid alert lasted from 3 a.m. to 4.25 a.m. but it was later officially announced that in spite of heavy and light anti-aircraft barrage and the sound of shell bursts, this was just "realism" and that the whole affair was a test of A.R.P. precautions.

The population went quickly to the shelters while warden and other defence personnel went to their stations and posts, and lorries distributed fire-fighting material.  
At this period of the year, the Moscow sky is dark for only a very short time and the sky was already clear when "fighters" flew over and the sky was dotted with red and black bursts as the ground defences went into action. Observers noted the effect of the test.

## Baku Oil Fields On War Footing

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—A vast army of workers in the Baku oil fields have been placed on war footing since the beginning of hostilities, states the Moscow radio.

Dispatches also stated that a squadron of the Soviet air fleet had raided German territory about 400 miles from their base. Bombers and fighters had attacked selected targets and had also shot down German intercepting planes.

These brief accounts are the only reports of actual fighting published in addition to the High Command communique.

**German Report**  
BERLIN, June 24 (UP).—The official news agency, quoting informed German military sources, to-day states that according to all available reports it is obvious that the great offensive movement by Germany has not yet been halted by the Soviet troops.

Quoting competent quarters, the official news agency asserted that German units yesterday, after breaking through the Soviet frontier positions, met a Soviet division which was wiped out, adding, "it collapsed under German fire before it could place itself properly for battle with the German troops."

One German storm detachment in an unspecified sector of the German-Soviet front, during a comparatively brief hand to hand encounter, killed several hundred and captured several thousand Soviet soldiers.

German army units penetrated deeply into a Soviet position and TURN to Back Page, Column 4

## LATEST

### Latvian Revolt

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—A dispatch from Berlin to the "Alltids" states that 60,000 Latvians, who are supplied with a week's munitions are now revolting against the Soviets. It is added that the Latvians have succeeded in building up a regular army and have blown up bridges and important roads.  
Radio Kaunas announced that General Pundzevicius, former Chief of the General Staff has been appointed Commander of the anti-Soviet troops. General Reikis has been appointed Chief of Staff and Colonel Bobelis has been appointed Military Commander of Kaunas.

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Further Late News**

Russians here, however, assert that the Rumanians are not participating in the fighting, being held in reserve.

Rumanians claim that they have crossed the River Pruth at Galatz, Jassy and Lippani. They say that the most northerly column is headed in the direction of Kiev and another two towards Odessa, which is about 150 miles from the present frontier.

**Need Labourers**  
Germans here boast that the campaign will be over in six weeks when, they say, they will have occupied White Russia, Ukraine and the Caucasus.

They say that they need Russian prisoners as labourers for the Reich since French prisoners of war are useless because they are "tired and unruly."

**Moscow Claim**  
NEW YORK, June 24 (Reuter).—The enemy's attacks are being successfully repulsed," Moscow Radio announced to-day according to the Columbia Broadcasting System.

"We congratulate the heroic Red Army on its first military successes," the Soviet announcer added.

**Soviet Planes Raid**  
VICHY, June 24 (Reuter).—Soviet planes have carried out two raids on the Rumanian Black Sea port of Constantza, states a Rome dispatch.

The important Danube town of Galatz has also been bombed.

One Soviet plane came down on Rumanian territory, the dispatch adds.

**Nazis Claim Initiative**  
BERLIN, June 24 (Reuter).—The official German news agency reports that the Germans had taken the initiative on Tuesday after "desperate" resistance by the Soviet army in some sectors on the first two days' campaign.

**RUSSIAN  
ASSETS IN  
U. S. FREED**

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuter).—The Treasury has lifted the restrictions from Russian money assets in the United States.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, signed the order at the request of the State Department and, after consulting the Department of Justice.

The action in effect reverses President Roosevelt's order of June 14 freezing all Russian assets in America. It is apparently the first concrete step to aid the Soviet against Germany. The freeing of the assets will make them available to buy war materials in the United States or elsewhere.

### All Possible Aid

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has declared "all possible aid to Russia."

### Italians In India

BOMBAY, June 24 (Reuter).—Over 1,000 officers and men, who arrived in India in two batches,

## Commons and Lords Debate British Support For Russia

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Mr H. G. Lees-Smith, Leader of the Opposition, who followed Mr Anthony Eden in the House of Commons debate, declared that if Hitler imagined that by this act he would be regarded by any party or quarter in this country or the United States as a crusader against Communism, he under-estimated our intelligence. (Cheers).

His last act on Sunday morning merely means that owing to the increased forces which we now have in this country, Hitler has realised that he must defeat Russia and release the great air force and 100 divisions from the Russian border before the final assault on this country.

"Before Mr Eden spoke, I was apprehensive lest this country might allow political prepossession to interfere with full strategic co-operation and I was relieved by the statement that the differences of political system did not allow us to obscure the realism of the situation," he went on.

"The realities of the situation are that Hitler is now fighting a war on two fronts."

"Perhaps the most important statement the Foreign Secretary made was that a military and economic mission is about to proceed to Russia. 'Germany can never conquer Russia if Russia has the same spirit of resistance to-day that she had against Napoleon.'"

"Hitler after next winter, will be faced with this situation: he will have to hold down in Europe a great number of nations determined to fight for their freedom as soon as the opportunity comes. I don't believe that he can at the same time hold down 180,000,000 Russians if their spirit of resistance is what I think it is."

## SIEGE OF PALMYRA

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**

VICHY, June 24 (UP).—An official dispatch from Beirut states that Palmyra has been wholly encircled and that a siege has begun.

The British fleet resumed the shelling of Damour, south of Beirut. After consolidating at Damascus and naming General Legentilhomme as Governor, the British and Free French troops broke through the French defence ring north and west of the capital, the two columns progressing towards Rayak, Beirut and Homs.

## Watch On Entrants To U.S.A.

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuter).—The establishment of a new immigration policy was announced by the State Department to-day.

All immigration visas will be cancelled in Washington with emphasis on the suitability of immigrants to the national defence programme.

Under the new procedure, which comes into effect on July 1, visa applications will come before Inter-Departmental Committees which, it is understood, will comprise representatives of the State, War, Navy and Justice Departments instead of visas being granted by Immigration officials on the spot.

It is announced that the new procedure is the result of the declared emergency and necessity from the standpoint of national defence for careful supervision over the entry of aliens to the United States.

## Italians In India

BOMBAY, June 24 (Reuter).—Over 1,000 officers and men, who arrived in India in two batches,

## Vichy Planes Destroyed: Widespread Syria Raids

CAIRO, June 24 (Reuter).—The destruction of eight Vichy aircraft on the ground, and damage to a very large number of others during raids on Syria, are announced in a Royal Air Force communique issued this evening.

A number of hits on flying boats at Syracuse and the discovery of 15 burnt-out Italian aircraft at Jimma, Abyssinia, are other highlights.

"Syria: Aircraft of the R.A.F. and Australian Air Force were active in Syria yesterday. A large force machine-gunned an aerodrome at Baalbek Talla and Rayak destroying eight Vichy aircraft on the ground. A very large number of others were damaged and another was attacked and severely damaged in the air."

**Aerodrome Attacked**  
"A squadron of the A.A.F. carried out a machine-gunned attack on an aerodrome near Hama. One hangar and a number of other buildings were burnt out, several motor transport vehicles were damaged and one Vichy Glenn Martin was destroyed on the ground."

## Western Desert

"Cyrenaica: The harbour of Benghazi and an enemy transport in the same area were bombed on Sunday night.  
"Abyssinia: Eleven Caproni aircraft and four C.R. 32's were found burnt out when our troops entered Jimma.  
"From all operations, two British aircraft are missing, and a third made a forced landing in enemy territory."



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Saturday, 12th July, 1941

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- The following Rules will govern the Competition:
- The Competition is open to all photographers.
- The entries awarded the Ilford Trophies for the best and second-best pictures in the Competition, will not be entitled to any other prizes.
- The prizes will be awarded to the competitors sending in what are adjudged to be the best photographs in each Section. Each entry must be accompanied by a form which will be published during the period of the Competition, and which must be pasted on back of entry.
- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
- All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 15x20.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph offices within seven days.
- The use of aliases is strictly forbidden.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 2nd July to SATURDAY, 12th July, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. P. SHERRY,  
Managing Director.  
Hong Kong, 13th June, 1941.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES  
a.s. DOROTHY LUCKENBACH  
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A fire occurred on the above vessel en route to the Orient, which necessitated General Average being declared.

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Hong Kong, June 21, 1941.

### FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

### NOTICE

#### DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—  
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16 cents per copy  
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The Hongkong Telegraph  
China and Macao  
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British and Foreign  
20 cents per copy  
25 cents Saturdays.

## Bomber Fund

### In Memoriam Gifts

A total of \$2,254,517.98 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the Hongkong Telegraph and the following donations:—  
Messrs Li and Fung, Ltd., \$200  
Messrs. Anglo-Siam, \$100  
European Y.M.C.A. (sale of old time) \$100  
Hongkong Electric Recreation Club \$100  
Swindle (third donation) \$100  
"A Driver" \$100  
Proceeds of sale of Cocker Spaniel to Mrs. Hogg \$100  
Credit Donations Received Only \$100  
The following donations were received in memory of the late Mr. C. W. Jeffries:—  
Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Clarke, \$50  
Mr. & Mrs. G. B. Thomson, \$10

### BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donations to the Benevolent Society in memory of the late Mr. C. W. Jeffries:—  
S. C. M. Post, \$100  
Mr. & Mrs. H. Overy, \$50  
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Mr. & Mrs. Wallace J. Hansen, \$100  
Mr. & Mrs. H. E. N. Ryan, \$100  
Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, \$50  
Jean and Tom Whyte-Smith, \$50  
Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Angus, \$50

### DONATIONS WAITING

Donations for the following Organizations await collection at the office of the S. C. M. Post: Emergency Refugee Council, Associated Portuguese Seafarers' Mutual, Benevolent Society, Food Kitchen Fund, St. Andrew's Church Fund, British Prisoners of War Relief Fund, Lord Napier's Fund for the Relief of Poor Victims, Little Sister of the Poor B.W.O.F.

## Health Bulletin

One case of Meningitis, 42 cases of Cholera with 22 deaths, three of Diphtheria with two deaths, 45 of Dysentery with 20 deaths, 20 of Typhoid with 12 deaths, five of Measles with two deaths, 212 of Tuberculosis with 135 deaths, and one case of Typhus fever, were reported during the week ended last Saturday.

## EQUITABLE RICE DISTRIBUTION

The following are the minutes of the seventh meeting of the Equitable Rice Sales Fund Committee, held at Medical Headquarters on Monday. There were present, the Rev. W. H. Allen, Mr. E. L. Curtis, Mr. C. N. Li, Mr. C. C. Liao, Mr. Wong Quincey, Rev. H. A. Willenbach, and Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke in the Chair. The minutes of the sixth meeting were taken as read and were confirmed as amended.

The Chairman stated that efforts to construct a suitable oil burner capable of cooking rice in the 48-inch rice boilers had not yet been crowned with success. The experiments were still proceeding, and a working oil company was donating the oil.

**Sale of Vegetables**  
His Excellency the Governor had graciously indicated his interest in the Committee's proposals in relation to improving conditions for the vegetable farmer and the consumer.

The Chairman read a letter dated June 21, from the Chairman of the Vegetable, Fruit Owners and Employers' Guild. After discussion, it was decided to send a reply to the Guild thanking the Guild for their offer of a full investigation of the activities of the farmers and accepting the invitation.

Messrs E. L. Curtis and C. N. Li were appointed as representatives to meet with a representative of the Guild. It was also decided to ask the Guild to allow the letter to be published so that the general public might have an opportunity of viewing the situation from the angle of the members of the Guild.

**Selling Price of Rice**  
The Controller of Food had advised in a letter dated June 17 that the Committee's Grade A rice should now be sold at \$16.50 per picul and Grade B (now Grade D under the Controller's new specifications) at \$15 per picul.

Several members of the Committee pressed for a reconsideration of the new scale of prices which were maxima and above the prices charged by the rice retail shops for corresponding grades. The Rev. H. A. Willenbach suggested that these might be based upon replacement costs.

The Chairman stated that the rice had been purchased at the original prices, that the Committee was not a commercial undertaking and so not out to make a profit from the sale of rice, and that he would appeal to the Controller of Food for permission to sell the rice at the original rates at any rate until all the rice owned by the Committee had been sold.

It was generally agreed that in view of the fact that the Committee hoped to close down its rice depots shortly, this seemed to be a reasonable proposal.

**Report of Director**  
The Director reported that 172 sacks (plus 37 lbs.) of Grade A rice

and 120 sacks (plus 187 lbs.) of Grade B rice had been sold during the week ending June 20. The falling off in the sales had resulted from the failure in supply of Grade A from Government godowns and to the increase in prices ruled by the Controller of Food referred to earlier in the meeting. Receipts had amounted to \$7,107.50. Payment to Government amounted to \$7,470.22 and a further sum of \$20.40 was expended in transport making a total of \$7,505.02. The credit balance was \$491.88, all labour and supervision at the three rice depots being on a voluntary basis.

The Committee endorsed the application which the Chairman had made to the Controller of Food that all rice retailers should be required by regulation to exhibit the prices and descriptions of all grades of rice held or exposed for sale in their shops.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 30.

**Wholesale Deals**  
A Government Gazette Extraordinary issued yesterday publishes new Wholesale Dealings in Rice Regulations, and declares:

"On and after the coming into force of these regulations no person shall deal in rice wholesale without the written permission of the Rice Controller. For the purpose of these regulations—

(a) A person shall be deemed to deal in rice if he buys or sells, enters into any agreement for purchase or sale, transfers, takes into his possession, moves from his possession, or otherwise acquires or disposes of, any rice under any contract of purchase or sale, whether entered into before the coming into force of these regulations or not;

(b) "Wholesale" in relation to the sale of rice means the sale by one person to another who buys to sell again and includes any sale of rice in any quantity exceeding 20 piculs;

(c) "Person" includes a firm.

The provisions of the Contracts (War Restrictions) Ordinance, 1917, shall apply in the case of any contract for the performance of which is interfered with by the necessity on the part of any person of complying with the requirements of these regulations.

The provisions of the Defence Regulations, 1940, shall apply for the purpose of the enforcement of these regulations, and otherwise in relation thereto, and these regulations shall be construed and take effect as if the former part, and shall be deemed to form part, of the Defence Regulations, 1940.

**Umbrellas To Guide R.A.F. Pilot**

A pilot officer of the R.A.F. who was recently awarded the D.F.C. for a hazardous flight over dangerous mountain country in Abyssinia, had his landing ground marked out for him in an unusual manner.

When he saw the prearranged smoke signal on an 8,000 feet plateau, he circled round and found a number of Abyssinian warriors with coloured umbrellas forming the boundary of a level-rectangle, while a white "V" indicated the wind direction.

The Abyssinians, who had been waging guerrilla warfare against their Italian invaders, were keenly interested in the aircraft—the first they had seen on the ground, and the first that had come to help instead of harm them. After they had examined the aircraft, they took the pilot and other occupants to their hut and entertained them to a feast.

"Everything was marvellously clean and the food was particularly impressive by the exceedingly refreshing beer they gave us to drink."

The chief presented their visitors with a bullock and a couple of sheep to sustain them during their visit, and the warriors prepared a 200 yards runway so that the aircraft could take off again.

**Dresses Into Bombers**

Twenty-two bombers, costing U.S.\$2,000,000, can be built for Britain every year by the United States as a result of the decision of Capt. Edward Moynieux, famous throughout the world as an arbiter of women's fashions.

When the Nazis swooped across France, Captain Moynieux left his Paris salons, which supplied the leading fashion houses of New York, Chicago and Hollywood not to mention Canada. He decided to carry on in Mayfair, and soon his 200 workgirls were overwhelmed by the requests received by cable for morning and afternoon frocks, "tailor mades," and evening gowns.

To-day there are about 20 American fashion houses, each ordering 45 models a year, and a minimum number of repeats is 25 for each model. Therefore, each order represents \$20,000 worth of business.

A Canadian house takes 60 models annually. Payments are made by these houses in dollars, so creating a handsome dollar reserve with which Britain can purchase war material.

A variety entertainment, to which all branches of the Services will be welcome, is being arranged to take place at the Ballers' and Soldiers' Home to-morrow, Thursday, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"We call this our Trojan Horse sales plan. When the prospect opens the box to see what someone has sent them, our agent steps out and demonstrates our little nifty vacuum cleaner!"

## Rider To Jury's Fatal Wall Collapse Verdict

"We consider the architect did not exercise proper care in supervision, with the result that the wall built did not in certain places come up to the recognised standard of safety," was the rider of a Coroner's Jury, at the conclusion of a death inquiry held before Mr. H. C. Sheldon, J.C., at Central Magistracy yesterday.

The inquiry was into the death of Ip Wai-sang, 28, a coolie of the Hongkong Sanatorium, who died as a result of the collapse of a retaining wall in Ventris Road on January 23.

The jury, comprising Messrs J. D. Thomson (Foreman), George Dobbs, and Tsui Suk-pun, returned a verdict of accidental death.

The hearing was previously adjourned for a week for evidence to be adduced concerning the laying of cables by the Hongkong Electric Company in the vicinity of the collapsed wall.

Mr D. B. Evans held a watching brief for the Hongkong Electric Company, and Mr A. J. Arculli held a watching brief for Mr. A. J. Lane, who was the architect responsible for the drawing up of the plans of the wall.

Recalled to the witness box, Mr Lane stated that after the collapse of the wall he found that a certain amount of earth at the toe of the wall, which acted as a form of resistance, had been taken away and the ground levelled out.

Witness also pointed out that the caretaker's hut which had been destroyed by the collapse, had been built 10 ft from the foot of the wall and about eight feet below the level of the foundation of the wall. According to the Building Ordinance the owner of the property for which the wall was built should have been informed that the hut was to be built 10 ft from the wall and below the level of the foundation. The owner had not been informed that it was contemplated to build a hut there.

**Cables Re-Laid**  
Mr W. Baker, Engineer of the Hongkong Electric Company, stated that he commenced re-laying the cables in August 1940. Previously, the cables ran up the hillside where the wall had been constructed. The cables were two inches in diameter and were put side by side into a trench at the foot of the wall. The dimensions of the trench were about 18 inches deep and one foot wide.

Witness stated that in digging the trench there had been contact with the foundation of the wall.

Asked by the Coroner whether the Public Works Department had been advised of the re-laying of the cables, witness replied that he could not say.

Captain F. L. Brown, Chief Engineer of the Hongkong Electric Co., stated, in reply to a question from the jury, that so far as he knew there was no rule or rule specifying that permission had to be granted before cables could be re-laid.

Mr A. M. J. Wright, of the Public Works Department, who had testified previously, stated that in this case, since permission had been previously granted for the Electric Company to lay cables, the Company was left to re-lay the cables at their own discretion.

In the course of his summing up, Mr Sheldon indicated that there was no evidence to show that blame could be attached to any one person.

The jury retired for 10 minutes before returning the verdict and rider.

It will be recalled that at the previous hearing, Mr Wright stated in evidence that the height of the wall according to the plan was 21 ft 6 in and the width 7 ft 6 in at the base; however, investigations revealed that the wall was actually 27 ft at the highest point and the width 8 ft 8 in at its base.

Mr Wright had also said that at one point of the wall the height was 24 ft and the width at the base was 7 ft. He pointed out that a wall 24 ft in height should have had a thickness at the base of about 8 ft 6 in or 8 ft 8 in.

**Wild Naval Claim By Germans**

The Admiralty has collected and issued in summary the totals of British warships stated in German communiques to have been sunk or damaged beyond the capacity of British shipyards to repair them.

From these it appears that the enemy, according to their own official accounts—neglecting the even wilder exaggerations of the German and Italian radio and Press agencies—have destroyed 19 more battleships than the British Navy possessed in September, 1939, six more aircraft carriers, 40 more cruisers, and 13 more submarines.

In fact, the only ships the Navy can have left now are 71 destroyers out of the 185 available at the beginning of the war.

Since these claims must be known by the enemy command to be false, they must evidently be classed as propaganda, designed either to bolster up enemy morale or to depress that of enemy occupied countries, or as attempts to elicit information.

**70 PER CENT. OF NEW NAZI U-BOATS SUNK**

Since new German U-boats began to come into commission last May, 1940, about 70 per cent. have probably been sunk, according to Commander H. Pursey's estimates, in Brassy's Naval Annual.

"It should be possible to improve on that rate," he writes. "But the present rate probably is greater than the German replacement of U-boats."

"It is certainly greater than the available supply of efficient crews," adds Commander Pursey.

The Hongkong Rotary Club held a closed meeting yesterday, when club matters were discussed. The annual change of officers takes place this week.

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## WINNING BATTLE OF THE SKIES

AGAINST the broad canvas of a conflict which, with its latest developments, has virtually become a world war, the significance of the daylight offensive by the R.A.F. over northern France during the past four days is, perhaps, liable to lose its correct perspective and to be regarded, in well-known military parlance, as merely "local activity." But the figures of relative German and British losses are too arresting to permit this valuation. The Nazis, with all the advantages of a defensive fighting unit have lost 118 planes (for certain) against the R.A.F.'s 30—a ratio of nearly four to one.

These figures give part of the picture. They demonstrate the greatness of the new Spitfires and re-emphasise the undoubted superiority of the British pilots. They illustrate that whereas the Nazi airmen, when they invade Britain, seldom escape with an adverse ratio of losses of much less than three to one, the R.A.F., when they take the war into the enemy's camp, can retain at least the same favourable proportion of losses in men and machines.

The other side of the picture which the last four days have given is that Britain is more and more attaining the position where she can raid Germany and German-occupied territory with as much intensity as the Nazis attacked England last year that she can, in fact, take the full initiative in the combat for aerial supremacy, and that British supremacy is more and more becoming a realisation.

Mr Churchill was not using vain and empty words, nor was he indulging in bravado when he promised Russia that Britain would intensify the war against Germany as a result of the Nazi onslaught against the Soviet. The Premier backed up his words by actions—actions which he knew could be taken because at long last the country is in a position to assume an aerial offensive on a major scale.

The knowledge is vastly encouraging and must surely serve to inspire the people of Hongkong to support to the limit the Bomber Fund, which is the Colony's one sure method of helping to supply the R.A.F. with the machines most needed for the successful conduct of

# THE UKRAINE Richest Land on Earth



The Ukraine is news. Germany's attack on Russia has again made people say that Hitler covets the richest province in the U.S.S.R.

HARRISON BROWN, traveller and author, who has made many trips around the world and is familiar with the Ukraine, here presents this factual article.

I WANDERED for days through the richest land on earth, the Socialist Republic of the Ukraine. Through its pretty thatched roof villages and over its collective farms; in the crowded streets of its capital, Kiev, of its great port Odessa, and of Kharkov, its chief industrial centre.

My general impression is that this most coveted, and therefore most strategically dangerous, territory represents one of the greatest Bolshevik successes. To a very large extent they have created that best of all bulwarks against aggression from outside, a contented population. It was not always so.

Even three or four years ago attack from outside might easily have been accompanied by sporadic revolt within the country itself. To-day that seems out of the question.

The Ukrainians are a gay people. Not for nothing are their folk dances and balalaika orchestras famous throughout the world. Dancing and music bubble forth as the natural expression of the Ukrainian temperament.

In other ways, too, the Ukraine is different. The people are bigger, healthier and more swarthy than the muddy-faced Muscovites. Although enslaved for generations, they have never acquired the slave mentality, and this no doubt accounts for the amazing speed with which they are now developing.

THE countryside, too, is different. The villages look cleaner with their little whitewashed cottages, their cherry orchards and flower gardens. They contrast strongly with the unpainted, dun-coloured wooden shacks and houses of the North and East. Kiev, their capital city on the Dnieper, is one of the most beautiful towns in Russia.

consolidation of this offensive. No direct appeal from Mr Churchill to this Colony could be more emphatic than the news of the last four days. Britain is winning the battle of the skies, and Hongkong has a glorious opportunity to contribute towards the final and conclusive elimination of the Luftwaffe and the avenging of London, Coventry, Southampton, Portsmouth and the other blitzed cities of Britain.

Under the Tsars the Ukrainian-Americans were, of course, an oppressed people; to such an extent that even their language was not allowed to be taught. In 1918 the great landowners other races. In the country lay under a ruthless occupation which, incidentally, has not been forgotten.

Then came Allied interventionists and a period of civil war. Between December, 1918, and August, 1919, Kiev saw fourteen different Governments rise and fall. There came then an end to the time of burning villages, but not an end of trouble.

For ten years the Ukraine was a more or less dissatisfied member of the Soviet Union, per cent. of the coal mined in the U.S.S.R.; the same per cent. of the iron; 85 per cent. of the nation's sugar and 35 per cent. of its total grain crop. In 1932 Stalin appointed Postyshev "Secretary" to the Central Executive Committee of the Ukraine. In plain English Postyshev was made dictator in the southern districts.

There are now 400,000 acres under this crop and as a consequence the U.S.S.R. no longer requires to import cotton.

To a very large extent indeed the general improvement is due to the Dictator Postyshev. The population is over thirty million or about twenty per cent. of the total population of collectivisation and the Kulaks, a

who guessed too well what it would mean for themselves, did nothing to help the peasant understand.

The attempt on the part of the Government to force hundred per cent. communism down their throats proved a costly failure.

The famine years of 1932 and 1933 were less the result of climatic conditions than of refusal on the part of the Ukrainian peasant to reap or sow. The harvest was got in largely by townspeople and forced labour.

The volte-face came with the so-called Stalin Statute, by which the peasant is allowed to possess an acre or two of land of his own and a few domestic animals. To-day there are 27,000 collective farms and all but 10 per cent. of agricultural land in the Ukraine is cultivated by State farms or collectives. The Government may be said to have retreated, but it was a retreat which brought victory.

INDUSTRIAL development is even more important. Everywhere one sees new plants in operation or in course of building. Operated by the nine giant turbines of the Dnieper Dam are enormous metal and chemical works, of which the aluminium plant alone produces more than the total production of France. There is another near by which produces more pig iron than the whole of Poland.

In Kharkov they make everything from biscuits to locomotives. The huge tractor plant is famous. So also are the great turbine and electric generator works.

Accompanying this is a prodigious improvement in education. Before the Revolution 60 per cent. of the population was illiterate. To-day there are more youngsters in the Ukraine enjoying higher education than there are in Nazi Germany. There are 27,000 medical students alone, 30,000 in the Agricultural Colleges, and 11,000 more in the Universities for specialised agricultural work.

Almost every important industrial area in the country has its own air club and thousands of workers become trained pilots in their spare time. According to a published report, more than 100,000 applications for such training have been received so far this year.

Of what the actual military defences of the Ukraine consist is anybody's guess. The territory is part of the great European plain and lacks all natural frontiers on the West, a fact which most certainly has not been overlooked by Marshal Voroshilov.

But for a rich and coveted land the attitude of the inhabitants is a factor of the utmost importance also. It was that which I came to see, and what I have seen convinces me that the attack on the Ukraine would prove no picnic for the attacker. It might even prove an execution block.

## NO MORE "FRONT LINES"

By Major  
E. W. Sheppard

THE enemy, we will imagine, occupies two towns 100 miles apart. Immediately, on our war maps, we draw a line between those two towns, and say, "There is the new battlefield."

This conception of "lines" and "fronts" dates from the last war. In this war of movement, it is often old-fashioned and dangerous.

Of course, when fronts become stabilised—as they did in Albania—troops on both sides could dig in, and real lines could be formed, not at first but by slow degrees.

Even so, there was not the continuous "line" of twenty-five years ago. Modern defences are not organised in that way.

They are, usually, small areas prepared to meet all-round attack—and there are lots of them behind the foremost ones.

These provide "defence in depth." Their purpose is to "cushion" the attack, and slow it up until it is finally checked or repulsed by counter-attack.

by fire from flanks or rear, and by night by patrols.

So, in this sort of warfare, all that a "line" can show is a general trace of the foremost defended areas.

A string of beads—without the string—would be a better way of showing the real position.

But in mobile warfare, even that device gives a false impression. In that sort of fighting—especially nowadays with highly mobile forces—columns thrust well ahead through or round the enemy, going deep into his territory, regardless of what forces of his they are leaving behind.

The job of dealing with these hostile forces is left to slower and heavier bodies of troops coming up behind—very often a long way behind.

Sometimes in France these reinforcing troops were 50 or even 100 miles in rear of the mechanised troops.

If they had failed to clear up the enemy centres of resistance, cross-

between them and their comrades in front, the latter would have had to come back—if they could.

If they could not, they would have been destroyed.

Anyhow, it is quite wrong for us nowadays to think that because two fast-moving columns 50 miles apart have advanced 50 miles deep into enemy territory, they have therefore conquered all the country behind them or in between them.

They have not. All they have really taken and held is the ground they themselves actually occupy, as they stand.

What they have done is to disrupt the connections between the hostile defended areas, and to threaten and possibly to cut lines of communication to the rear.

If these lines of inter-communication and of rearward communication cannot be restored, then the resistance of these isolated defended areas cannot be prolonged, because their material means of fighting will be exhausted.

More over, the knowledge that this is so may demoralise the garrisons and cause them to surrender or retreat at once.

Then the country in the rear of these mobile forces that have pushed so far ahead can really be said to be conquered—but not till then.

So let us get out of our heads this idea of "lines" and continuous fronts in the mobile warfare of to-day. It is as out of date as castles and







## Around The Courses

# Advised Preservation Of Equipment And Balls

## Possible Shortage Of Sports Materials

### Rust And Rot Of Clubs

(By "Birdie")

**THE TIMELY** but not altogether gloomy warning forecast of Mr F. Miller, sports manager of one of Australia's biggest firms, that the effect of a long war will be a shortage in sports materials was printed on this page on Monday, and it certainly wouldn't do any harm for people in Hongkong and the Far East to pay just a little attention to the words that have been written.

Particularly so in the tropics, damage through rust to steel shafted clubs takes quite a toll on equipment. Only recently I saw two such shafted clubs snap in the hands of the wielders in the act of hitting.

The weather we are having at the moment is highly destructive. There is first the rain, then condensation and thirdly perspiration. All three soak through the leather grips and when they have wrought their damage on the club shaft and its snaps, the condition of the steel is an amazing revelation. Even without the rain, the second two sources are sufficient to create havoc.

A glance at such a broken shaft is enough to galvanise one into more serious preservation of one's clubs. Perhaps, the principle fault in the manufacture is that the shafts are not chromium plated the whole length, but only from the neck to the beginning of the grip. Underneath the grip is just plain, unprotected, metal.

This is one solution to the problem, the second is one of castor oil and methylated spirit. The main use of this is to preserve the tackiness of the leather, ensuring a better hold, but it also helps to keep moisture from reaching through to the steel.

Another source of damage to clubs is the rotting of the wooden heads. It is thus all the more imperative that clubs should be oiled after use, even the irons. Caddies, I know, are supposed to perform this duty, but the more careful player will give it his personal attention.

The junction of the head to the shaft is a vulnerable spot. Steel can be attacked through here, and the danger of snapping, especially with irons, cannot be minimised.

About golf, Mr Miller said: Restriction on imports of steel tubing and heavy local demands may stop the manufacture of golf clubs in a year or so. Used motor tyres may be boiled down to make, not the present type, but a solid gutta-percha ball with only one-third the driving distance.

These are words of wisdom, and it should not be surprising if, especially with regard to imported

### Chinese Tourists Beat Sth Australia

ADELAIDE, June 24 (UP).—The Chinese touring soccer team beat South Australia 4-1 to-day.

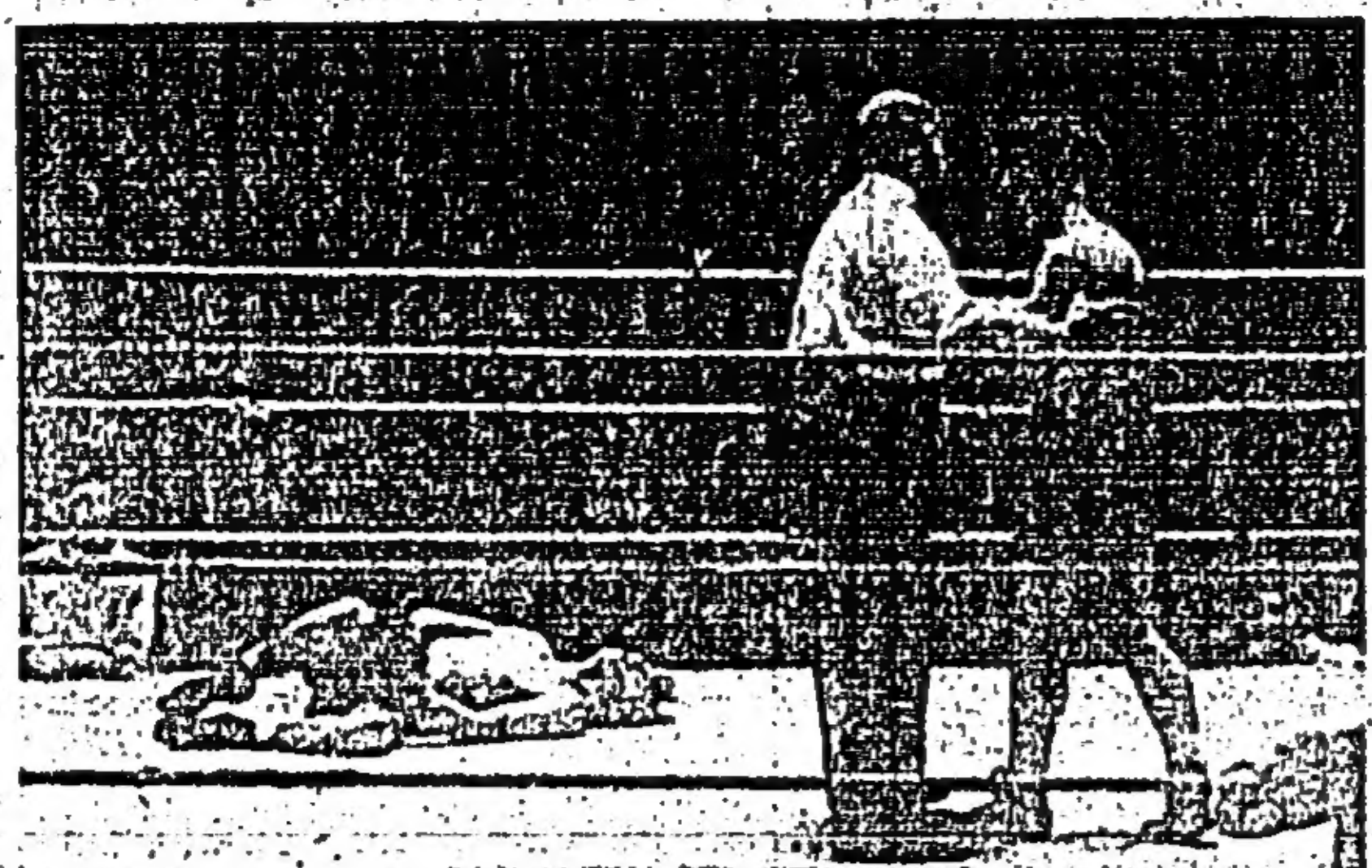
clubs, there should be a scarcity in Hongkong before long.

ONE of the finest drainage systems that could be installed on a golf course is that of trees. But the trouble with most of our courses here is that they were once muddi-fields and the clay content of the soil prevents the water from sinking through.

This is especially so at the Country Club, Sheungshui, and the only way out there is the digging of ditches. The first fairway at Kowloon is a real teaser for the Course Committee, and even at the moment there are extensive operations in progress to take away the rain that has settled there.

But whatever drawbacks the rain may have had on that fairway, it has certainly done some good on the fifth where lizards—tree-lizards, I am told they are called, though there aren't any trees for quite some distance around—have burrowed their way into the comparatively sandy ground and have tossed out their diggings on to the surface.

These lizards, seen through a big magnifying glass, would present an awe-inspiring spectacle, for they are miniatures of the great reptiles of the prehistoric ages. They are, in fact, similar to those used in the making of the film "One Million B.C." Picturesque as they may be, they are nevertheless a great pest on a golf course. They have an aversion for water, and the recent rains have either kept them away or drowned them. I doubt if the latter cause is



The final scene of the disappointing Eric Boon-Kid Borg bout in London recently. Berg (on the canvas) won on a foul.

### Lawn Bowls Pairs

## Leonard & Ward Beat Phillips And McKelvie

### Two Matches Yesterday

TWO MATCHES in the Lawn Bowls Pairs Open Championship were played yesterday, the more exciting of the two being that in which J. W. Leonard and W. Ward, of Craigengower, eliminated R. P. Phillips and J. McKelvie, Kowloon B.C.C., 16-14 at the Kowloon F.C.

At the Civil Service C.C., C. H. Basto and J. J. Basto beat F. N. Hill and W. C. Higgs 21-13.

Leonard and Ward scored on 13 of the 21 heads at the Kowloon F.C., but in their eight heads, Phillips and McKelvie

correct, however, for past rains have not resulted in their extinction.

MOST people who play golf find it one of the most difficult and tantalising of games. But there is at least one man who will not play the game because it is "too easy," says "Golf Monthly."

Sacha Guitry, the French actor, went to Evian to take the waters and play golf. He bought a complete outfit, including gloves and umbrella, from the professional and went out for his first lesson.

After a few demonstrations from the pro, he drove his first shot well over a bunker about 200 yards down the fairway. He repeated the performance a second and third time, threw away the driver and walked off the tee, remarking: "This game is childish, too easy for me." He never came back either to play or for his clubs!

included a 5 which was recorded on the 9th end.

The Craigengower pair opened the scoring in the shuttle struggle, but on the 8th head, the totals were level, 6-6. With their five on the succeeding head, Phillips and McKelvie took an 11-6 lead, but the Craigengower men figured in a run of 1, 1, 2, 1 to level off again at 11-11.

Each side scored singles alternately over the following four ends, bringing the score to 13-11 at the 17th. But with a run of three singles Leonard and Ward were in front 16-13 on the 20th.

Phillips and McKelvie could not improve on a single for the final head, and Leonard and Ward entered the next round.

**Win For Bastos**  
O. H. and J. J. BASTO had little difficulty against F. N. Hill and W. C. Higgs at the Civil Service C. C. Green. The Racero combination opened with a 4 and followed this with 2, 1, 1, 3 to lead 11-0 before the opposition registered a 2.

This lead was increased to 14-4 on the 9th and score at the 12th end 15-7.  
Over the last nine heads, Hill and Higgs scored on six but in singles favour the Basto brothers registered 2 on the 14th, 1 on the 16th and finished off the game with 3 on the last head.

### To-day's Match

H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, last year's champions, to-day engage A. Hyde Lay and J. N. Wong at the Kowloon F. C. It will be a good game to watch though the odds are in the holders' favour.

### League Tennis

## Craigengower Trounce C.B.A. In "D" Division

CRAIENGOWER C.C. trounced Central British Association 8-1 in a "D" Division tennis match played at Happy Valley yesterday.

D. T. Smith and N. B. Whitley were the only visiting pair to win a set. K. M. Au and C. M. Leo (C.C.C.) won all three sets with the loss of only three games. Scores were: K. M. Au and C. M. Leo (C.C.C.) beat B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert 6-1; beat D. T. Smith and N. B. Whitley 6-1; beat D. Tomashevsky and D. Fittinghoff 6-1.

Y. G. Mok and Y. H. Leung (C.C.C.) beat Bickford and Gaubert 6-2; beat Smith and Whitley 6-2; beat Tomashevsky and Fittinghoff 6-1.

T. K. Lien and P. C. Yu (C.C.C.) beat Bickford and Gaubert 6-1; lost to Smith and Whitley 6-7; beat Tomashevsky and Fittinghoff 6-1.

## Sunday Cricket At University

THE UNIVERSITY commenced on their Sunday cricket programme this week-end when they met a team from the Queen Mary Hospital at Pokfulam at 8 a.m. The University team, has not yet been chosen, but the Hospital will be represented by Dr. A. L. Ozorio (Capt.), E. V. Hopkinson, S. Bentley, Dr. E. L. Goanap, J. F. MacGowan, Dr. Haynes, Dr. Lule, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. Mahan Singh.

## Nazi Methods Of Gaining Information

### Famed Polish Athlete Tortured To Death

LONDON, June 17 (Reuter).—Januz Kusocinski, famous Polish long-distance runner, who won the 10,000 metres championship in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 1932, has been tortured to death by the Gestapo, according to news reaching Polish circles here.

Kusocinski, like hundreds of other prominent citizens, was charged by the Germans of being connected with anti-German underground activities. Although lacking proof, the Gestapo determined to extract information from Kusocinski, and tortured him for several months before killing him.

They first broke his legs which brought him many athletic victories in various parts of the world, and during the second investigation they broke his left arm and damaged his right eye.

Later Kusocinski was thrown into a dark dungeon practically without food and water and was periodically subjected to fresh tortures.

### Broken Man

A fellow prisoner who saw the famous athlete at this stage said that he looked like a broken old man with his long white beard and was practically blind and dumb.

Kusocinski died later and his name has been added to the long list of martyred Polish patriots.

Throughout the ordeal Kusocinski refused to utter one word of value to the enemy.

### Water-Polo

## Navy "A" Beaten 6-0 By Middlesex "A"

Six games in the water-polo tournament were held yesterday, the biggest upset being Navy A's defeat by Middlesex A 6-0.

Navy A were very closely marked by Middlesex A at the Y.M.C.A. and consequently their forwards were unable to manoeuvre for goals. Middlesex forwards made the most of their opportunities in the deep-end and their faster breakaways paved the way for goals. Bindon (3), Hyman (2) and Jennings scored.

### An Upset

The 6th A.A. Regiment caused an upset when they beat 8th Coastal Regiment 4-0 in the Army pool, Yabey (2), Clarke and Wilson netting.

### Win For "X"

Scots were unfortunate to be without I. A. W. Miller and Slater, who are on the sick list, when they met Y.M.C.A. The Civilians won 4-1, A. F. May (2), Goldman and Benn scoring for the winners, and Morris, a newcomer to the Scots who shows signs of promise, netting when Goldman was out of the water.

### Signals Too Good

Signals proved much too good for Navy B who were without H. G. Thompson and were swamped 10-0. Dignan (5), Bedford (2), Hunt, Allen and McCann were the scorers.

### Small Units Superior

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### M'sex "B" Win 3-0

Middlesex B beat Scots B 3-0, Lomax, Hadley and Peacock being the scorers.

## German Tennis Star Killed

BERLIN, June 10 (UP).—Heinz Landmann, former German tennis champion, has been killed in action while serving as an officer. It was officially announced to-day. Details of his death were not divulged.

During his best years, Landmann scored victories over such internationalists as Vincent Richards of the United States, Bunny Austin of Britain, and Jack Crawford of Australia.

## Clapton Orient Suspended

Clapton Orient F.C. has been suspended by the Football Association.

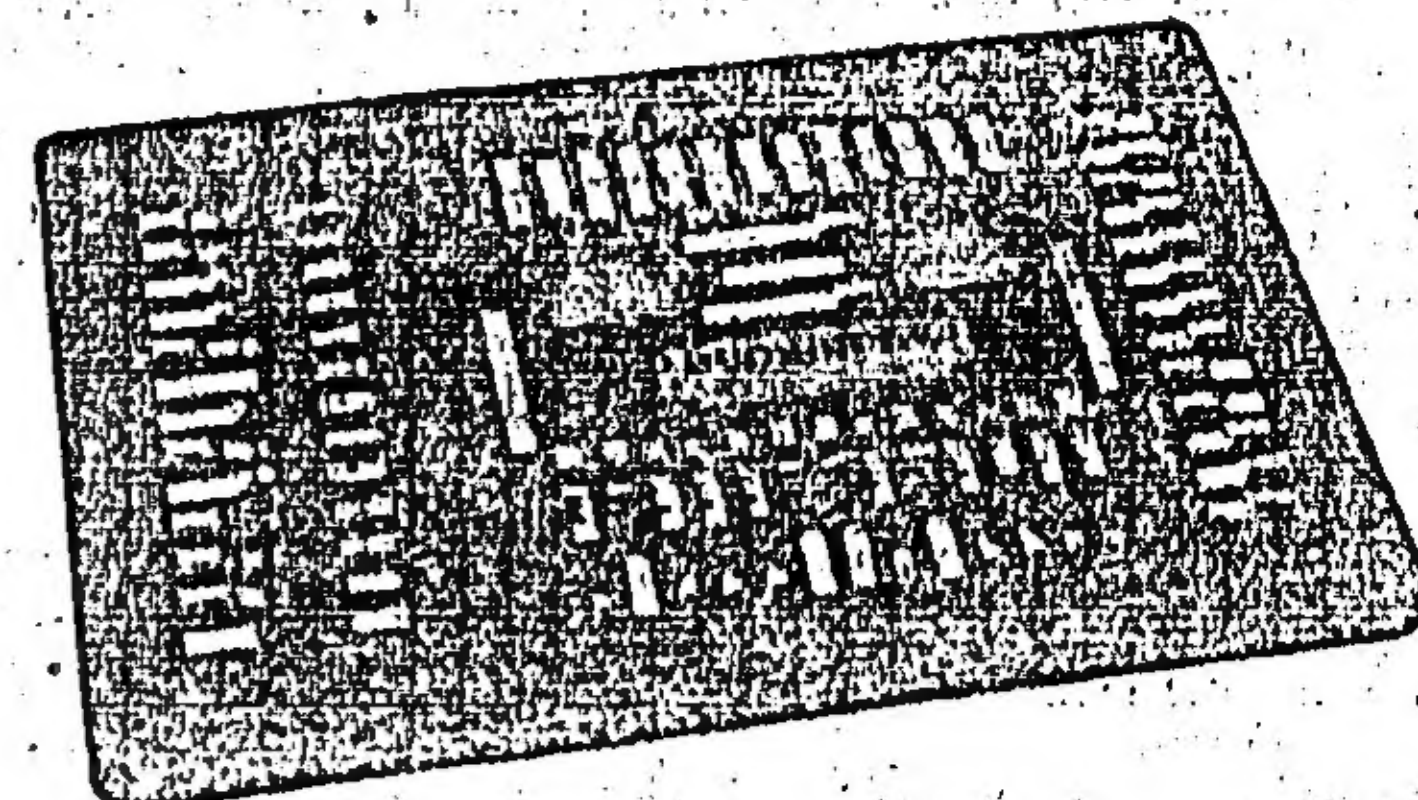
This follows complaints by players and others against the club in respect of monies alleged to be due and of which the directors were invited but failed to offer an explanation within seven days.

According to W. Wright, the secretary-manager, the sums due are under £100 and some of the debts are old ones.

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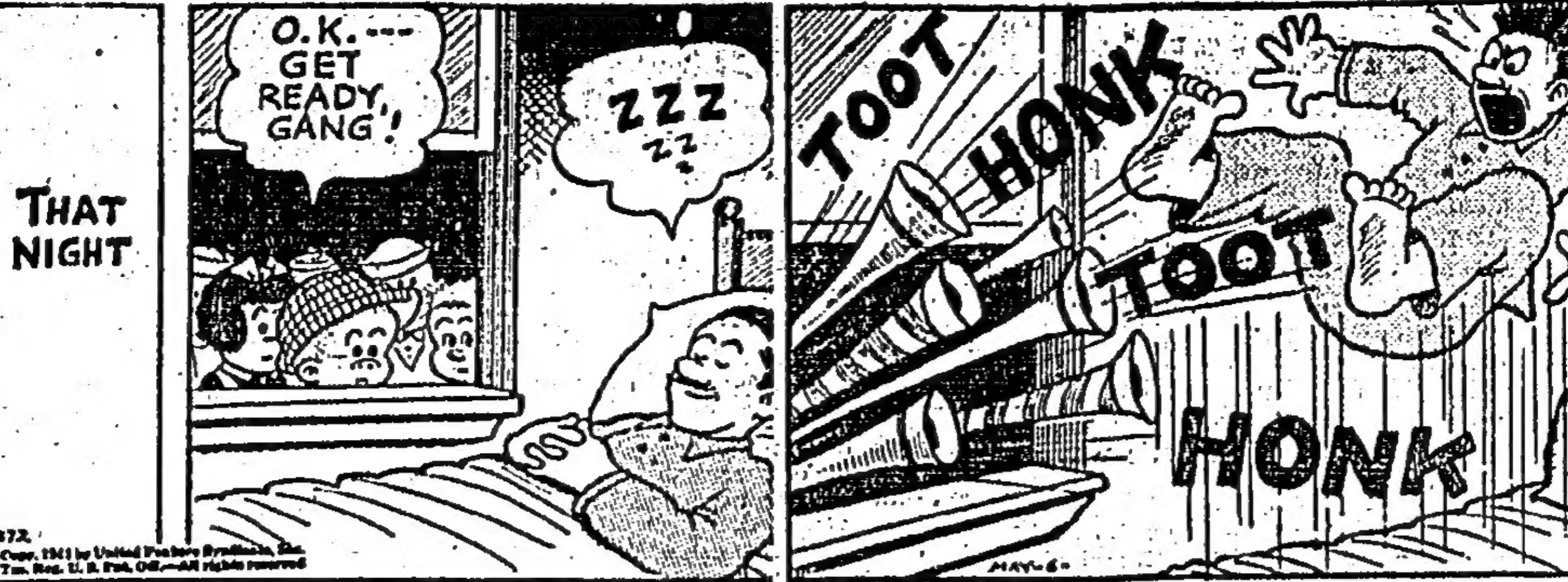
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## NANCY



# Japan Has Backed Wrong Horse, Says Ex-Envoy

Japan made the same mistake as Italy when she joined the Axis—she thought Britain and the Empire were "down and out," Sir Robert Clive, former British ambassador to Japan, told Vancouver Board of Trade transportation bureau recently.

"Japan may now feel she has backed the wrong horse," the tall, grey-haired diplomat said. "It is significant she is now putting out 'feelers' with a view to stopping the war with China."

A large and enthusiastic audience of civic officials and prominent business men listened enraptured, and applauded frequently as Sir Robert presented his views of Japanese expansion and Anglo-Japanese relations, in an address given under auspices of the Overseas League.

He declared Japan joined the Axis because, while Britain stood in the way of her economic expansion more than any other country, Germany did not.

"When Japanese trade began to develop after the Great War, she suddenly realized that Great Britain was in possession of places that were vital to her expansion needs."

"It was not a case of individual dislike because, as it happens, the British people and individuals have always got on well with the Japanese."

**Developed Trade**  
At one time, Sir Robert said, the idea prevailed that Japan was a military and not a commercial race. Since then, by her vast development of the cotton industry, Japan proved her capacity for developing trade on a big scale.

Japan was involved in the last war to such a small extent that immediately after hostilities ceased she was in a position to "forge ahead."

"After the war the Japanese got away to a flying start by sending arms to Russia, and from 1920 to 1930 developed an enormous trade in cotton goods, particularly in the Far East, during the slump in Lancashire."

**Push Out White Man**  
Sir Robert showed how Japan had followed a colonial policy of "pushing out the white man's trade."

"This is directly contrary to the British policy of encouraging free trade in all her colonies. Hongkong and Singapore are fitting examples of this policy."

"In 1914 the Japanese made a claim which practically amounted to suzerainty over China. This was tested when Sir Frederick Leith Ross, a high treasury official, came out with the idea of somehow stabilizing the Chinese dollar."

"Japanese business men were quite in favour of that, but the military opposed it. The views of businessmen were practically identical, because they always look at a problem from a practical economic point of view."

"The Japanese, by encouraging Korean gangsters to smuggle goods into North China under protection of the military, did their best to break down the Chinese customs service."

**Britons Handicapped**  
"Goods were poured into Tientsin, which paid no customs duties at all, with the result that the English traders who paid their duties were completely handicapped."

When France collapsed in 1940, Sir Robert continued, Japan saw a marvellous opportunity for expansion in Indo-China by signing a pact with the Axis. After that she hoped to gain economic control in the Dutch East Indies.

"This was all part of the so-called 'New Order,' Sir Robert said. "In Japan during 1938 and 1939 they were always seizing on incidents to make trouble between different parts of the Empire. They also sent a goodwill mission to Australia, and later tried to force Australia to lower wool prices by boycotting sales and threatening to buy her wool from South Africa."

"Again in an effort to make a commercial treaty with India favourable to themselves, the Japanese began boycotting India goods."

"This was partly a political move aimed at causing friction in different parts of the Empire."

"The unanimity of Empire countries in the present war effort shows that her policy in this respect has failed," Sir Robert declared.

**100 Miles To Pay 2s 6d**  
An Army officer who gave his name as Lt. Harrington travelled more than 100 miles from the South of England to Kettering recently to repay a loan of 2s. 6d. on behalf of a dead soldier.

The soldier, a member of a bomb disposal squad, lost his life as a result of his duty. His dying wish was that the money be given to a member of the Kettering branch of the T.O.E. from whom he borrowed it a year ago, to get to Northampton.

## Germans Squeal At Bayonets

Forty Germans routed by a British patrol of seven men during the enemy assault on our defence lines at Tobruk squealed at sight of British bayonets.

"When it comes to hand fighting the Germans are about on a par with the Italians," was the comment of one of the small British party.

"In a scrap where its every man for himself they go all to pieces."

This is the story as told to a British United Press correspondent by the patrol leader, an Australian, a former commercial traveller from Sydney.

"We repulsed the fifth attack on our post by 300 German infantrymen, supported by tanks, who got within 1,000 feet of our position," he said. "When, about 10.30 p.m., we got word that there were about forty Germans inside the wire."

"I took six men so as not to weaken the post too much. We tore into them with our bayonets."

**"Don't Kill Me" Cry**  
"I got the shock of my life because only one showed fight. The fifth I tackled grabbed my rifle and pulled me down on top of him."

"I used my rifle on several other German heads until it broke. Then I picked up a stone. The rest of the Jerries, probably thinking it was a hand grenade grovelled, one shouting, 'I'm a soldier of Germany. Don't kill me.'"

"Another was shouting, 'Peace, it is peace, it's yours, please!'"

## Eric Gill's Widow Gets A Pension

Mrs M. E. Gill, widow of Eric Gill, the sculptor, has been granted a £120 Civil List pension.

"I have no income of any sort since my husband died," she said. "This is a godsend."

"My husband was not a rich man. He lived and worked solely for his art."

Another woman to receive a £120 pension is Mrs Matilda Helen Davies, widow of W. H. Davies, the "Tramp Poet."

"Although my husband's books continue to sell as well as can be expected in war-time," she said, "they do not bring in quite as much as they might."

A third beneficiary is Dr Charles Chamberlain Hurst, the scientist, who in 1933 raised a storm of criticism by proposing that the State should produce a race of super-intelligent men and women.

In one of his technical works he claimed that man could produce new races of animals and plants, much more quickly than Nature, by the use of X-rays.

## Lord Kimberley Killed In Raid

**On London Visit**  
The Earl of Kimberley, who as Lord Wodehouse was an All-England polo player of exceptional brilliance, was killed during a recent raid on London. He was 57.

He was chairman of the Bath Club, which was badly damaged by fire a few weeks ago, and he travelled to a meeting of the directors to discuss the future of the club.

Since he succeeded to the title in 1932 Lord Kimberley had not been much in the public eye. He was formerly a member of Mr. Buckmaster's famous polo team of "Old Cantabs" and played for England against the United States. From 1906-1910 he was Liberal M.P. for the Mid-Norfolk Division.

## Shortage Of Meat In Sweden

But Fish Is Still Plentiful

NEW YORK—Meat including pork has been placed on Sweden's ration list along with butter, fats, coal, hides, copper and copper alloys, according to information recently published by the American Swedish News Exchange here.

The weekly allowance has been set at half a kilogram, or a little more than a pound, of meat for each person weekly. Fish, it was pointed out, is still plentiful.

A further measure by the Government to control rising prices was also forecast by Government officials recently. Retail prices, according to official figures, have reached a point 30 per cent. higher than in August, 1939.

**Loan To Finland**  
At the same time Sweden has agreed to send 20,000 tons of bread grains as a loan to Finland. Wheat, flour, butter, eggs, pork, seed oats, and other products will be sent to Finland under the terms of a new trade agreement between the two countries.

A gift of 400 tons of sugar will also be distributed in Finland and Norway.

Meanwhile a new industry has grown up in Sweden around the substitution of charcoal for gasoline in motor vehicles.

**Wood For Engines**  
At present it is estimated that 50,000 motor vehicles have been converted to the use of wood-burning engines. At a recent industrial exhibition it was pointed out that production of 10,000 of these burners would require 50,000 days of work. At least 10,000 drivers are kept busy as well as repair mechanics. In one year, Swedish industrialists figure, 10,000 vehicles consume about 3,000,000 bushels of charcoal or finely cut wood which require 1,000,000 days of work for chopping and charring. Distribution requires at least 13,000,000 special paper bags and this keeps several pulp and paper mills busy.

**Britain's Powerful New Bomb**  
British accounts of the bombing of the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau have disclosed the use of a new "armour piercing weapon, first successful penetration bomb of the war."

Military experts believe, however, that the British have devised a heavier-bodied bomb which is capable of penetrating at least five inches of armour plate. It is understood to use a new steel alloy, and the British themselves have reported it as using a new and more intensive explosive.

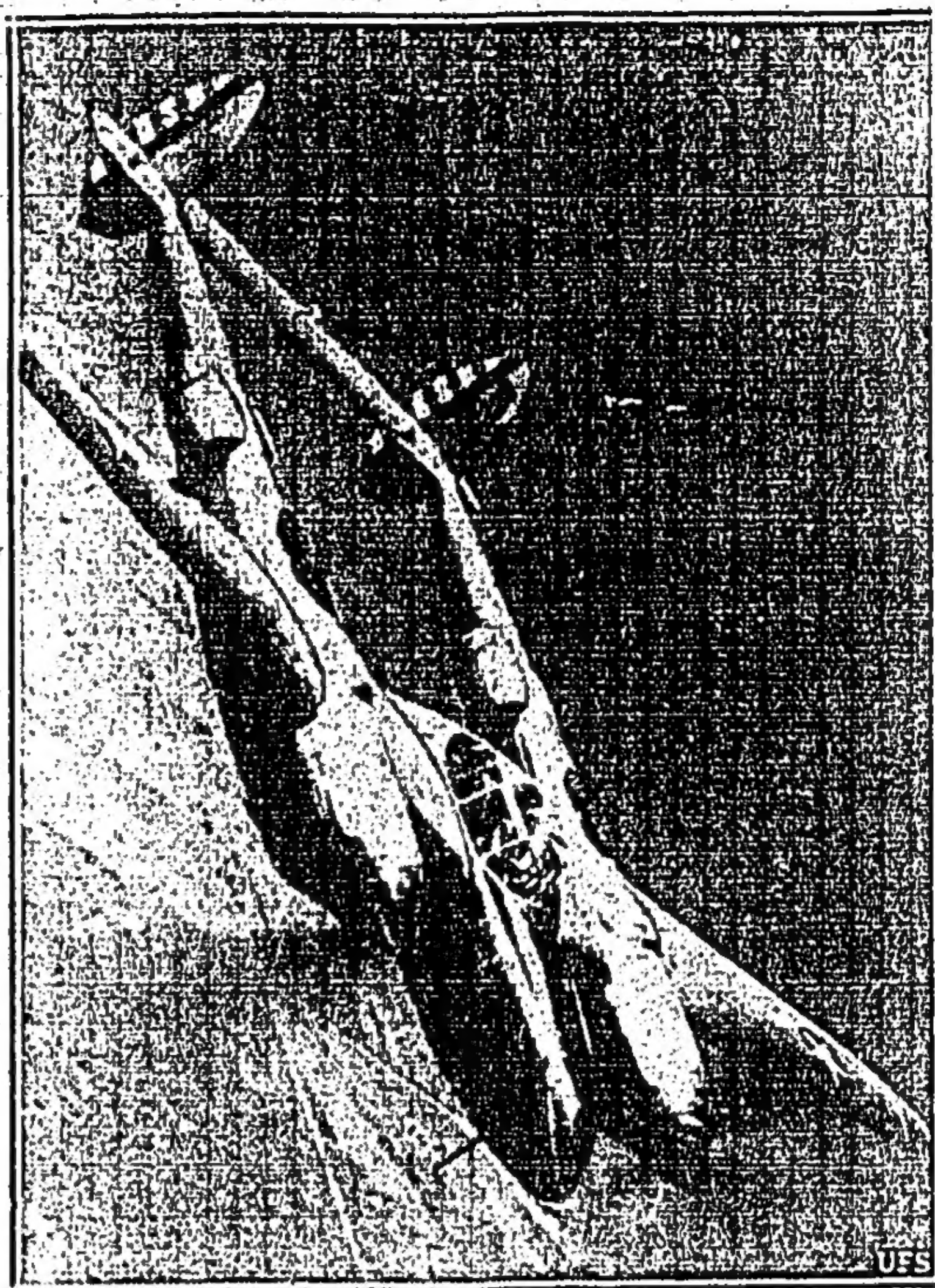
The bomb is designed to reach its maximum velocity after a drop of 2,000 feet which permits dive bombing from comparatively accurate heights. Added details are still awaited, however, in view of the British reports of successes with the new bomb against the German battleships at Brest, which are protected with a deck armour of six inches.

## Hongkong Attitude To Japanese

"Neither the British nor the Chinese in Hongkong are anti-Japanese as in pre-war days," according to the Japanese Consul-General in Hongkong interviewed by the "Asahi Shimbun" on his arrival in Tokyo.

He attributed this remarkable change of attitude to the strict control of the British authorities.

He said that the National Defence Act of Britain has been thoroughly driven home to the people of Hongkong, adding "It is admirable how Britain can drive home regulations to the corners of its colonies."



**POWER DIVE**—Dramatic picture shows the P-38 interceptor-pursuit ship, "Lockheed Lightning," in a power dive eastward, at Burbank, Cal. Exports say it is the world's fastest aeroplane. It is the first of thousands on order for U.S. and British air forces.

## SOLDIERS NEED ONLY MUSIC They Have Words

WASHINGTON.—America's soldiers are now getting the words; all they have to do now is supply the music.

The words are printed in a compact little book of which more than 1,500,000 copies were ordered by the War Department, so that every officer and man could have one to carry in his pocket—the aim being to provide the makings for close harmony on all occasions.

There are 60 songs in the book which starts off with "The Star Spangled Banner," jumps alphabetically backwards to "Alma Mater" and then progresses through the ABC's down to Y—"You're in the Army Now."

**Same Songs**  
The songs are the same as those which appear in the recently published Army Song Book, but that includes notes as well as music and cannot be pocketed easily. It was distributed on the basis of one book to 50 men.

But for a soldier who can remember a tune the new little book will supply the words anywhere, and every man is getting one.

One of the old quartet specialties is missing from the Army's collection. It is "Sweet Adeline" but the S-songs include: "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain," "Slum and Gravy," "Smiles," "Song of the Signal Corps" and "Stein Song."

In the book are "Dixie," "Casey Jones," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Old Joe Clark" and "The Old Gray Mare," and there are any number of sentimental ditties of the variety of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

## Canine Volunteers Sought In Britain

LONDON, May 5.—A call for dog volunteers for a new Canine Corps went out from the British War Office to-day.

Owners were told that enlistment must be for the duration. Alredales, Collies, Labradors, and Golden Retrievers are the breeds most sought. Selections will be made on the basis of intelligence and natural ability. They will be trained at the War Dog School at Aldenhot.

## New Record 'Thin' In Thin Plate Glass

BUTLER, Pa.—Development of what is described as the thinnest plate glass in existence is reported by the Franklin Glass Corporation at Kenfrew, Pa.

A. S. Pasquillo, General Manager, said the new product was three sixty-fourths of an inch thick, or about half the thickness of the thinnest plate glass previously produced.

The new material, already in production experimentally, will be used in sun glasses, civilian gas masks, and airplane windows.

# Dorothy Thompson's 10 Points For Democracy

Dorothy Thompson, the columnist, spoke up for an expanded form of democracy recently in a speech at a New York banquet honouring her "great services to democracy." The famous woman commentator declared it was not sufficient to fight for the American way of life because that way was not yet good enough.

Before an audience that included Governor Lehman, Mayor LaGuardia and Wendell Willkie, Miss Thompson declared that democracy was the right form of government but that the people had no idea what it meant. Democracy fails to function, she said, because it "remains a concept and it's not expressed."

"If one set of people are told to fight for this way of life," she continued, "and another are told to conquer the world, the latter will win."

In her address Miss Thompson called for a revolution based upon "the individual person and based upon his desire to improve himself." To accelerate this goal, she named her ten favourite points for self-development: Love, communal rights, equality, freedom, state ownership of wealth work, co-operative action, non-materialism, social and moral purpose, and the equalisation of creative functions.

These items, she said, were the main points of her own "personal and social faith," summing up "eleven years of gradual, slow, dawning experience, plus the torrential cataclysm of the experience of the last two years."

Standing lonely on a dais in the crowded grand ballroom, Miss Thompson elaborated her theories of the better life.

**Slaves to Machines**  
Miss Thompson said that men who are reduced to slavery by the machine age can hardly hope to realise just what democracy means. The basic essential of the new form of democracy must be that the personal life and social programme be identical.

Miss Thompson distributed copies of her ten articles of faith and asked her hearers to sign and return them. She promised to send them back a special ring made up of three rings locked together with a fourth "symbolising the loyal hope that this nation may be defended by the clasped hands of millions of brothers."

**Wild Boar Takes A Night Out**  
A large and ferocious Indian wild boar was hunted in the heart of London recently.

It had escaped from its enclosure in the Zoo during the night. When keepers arrived in the morning they discovered the pig asleep in the middle of a big lawn. It awoke immediately, and a pig-stalking party of keepers and A.F.S. men was organised.

Many exciting moments followed. One was when the boar began to charge a lorry, but thought better of it, and swerved at the last moment. After an hour's run the boar was driven into a narrow lane between wire fences. Two biscuits were thrown into the entrance of his cage, and in he walked.

The pig has been particularly bad-tempered since his wife died four months before," said his keeper.

## Madagascar Ports Mined By French

New York.—A Navy Department warning on May 6 that France had mined the approaches and coastal areas of three of the largest ports in Madagascar led marine observers to believe that France feared an invasion of the strategic Indian Ocean island.

Madagascar assumed added importance when closing of the Mediterranean shifted trade routes around Africa and through the Indian Ocean. American ships scheduled to carry supplies along the recently reopened Red Sea route to Egypt must pass through Mozambique Channel, separating East Africa from Madagascar.

Observers say British control of the Channel is necessary to protect these ships.

## Matches, Beer And Razor Blades

Ninety out of every 100 soldiers have no complaints against NAAFI, said Mr L. C. Royle, the newly appointed chairman of the board of management. The other ten grumble about the lack of matches.

He has spent six weeks listening to complaints in the canteens. One of the chief problems, he said, was razor blades. They couldn't get enough of them.

About the beer, he said, the complaint that canteen beer was not up to standard, he said that supplies were drawn from local breweries. The chief difficulty was storage.

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## Queen, Wilhelmina Favours Assistance To Soviets

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, broadcasting, said: "We are full of compassion for the Russian people who have to undergo such a terrible ordeal."

"To-day, it is Russia but we know that to-morrow or the day after, those mighty bulwarks of our civilisation and principles which are holy to us, the British Empire and the United States, will have to withstand the main might of Hitler's war machine."

"For this reason, when circumstances may lead to this, we shall fight by the side of the Russian people. We shall do this, remaining faithful to our viewpoint in respect of Bolshevism which is the result of our principles, for we may never forget that we reject absolutely the principles and practices of Bolshevism."

### Tribute To Empire

Queen Wilhelmina paid tribute to the "firm, courageous attitude and wide statesmanship displayed by the British Empire towards this new conflict."

She said, "They, like the United States, will never tolerate a wedge being driven between our mutual co-operation for freedom and justice by Hitler's treacherous policy or that a slacking should occur in the world-wide co-ordinated effort to bring about a victory of our arms."

## LATE NEWS

### Soviets 400-Mile Air Raid

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after terrific fighting destroyed 180 Soviet tanks in one section of the eastern front but the time and location were not specified.

"Tough Resistance"  
Despite tough enemy resistance, the German army through its incomparable infantry and storm troops supported by pioneers and artillery units as well as panzer forces, has deeply penetrated a Russian border position. The agency claimed that the German losses were unusually small during these battles.

The announcement added that the Luftwaffe dispersed Soviet armoured forces which had been placed ready for battle.

A report from Helsinki says that German troops are now only a few miles from the Lithuanian border occupying the city of Siauliai which is the last Lithuanian city on the main highway towards Vilna. They are expected to cross the Lithuanian border to-day.

### French Warships Attacked

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of the Mediterranean Fleet are giving continuous and active assistance to the advance of our armies along the coast of Syria by carrying out bombardments of military objectives at strong points of resistance.

In the early hours of yesterday morning two destroyers attempted to interfere with our operations. They were at once heavily engaged by our ships and both were seen to be hit several times before they retired under cover of a smoke-screen to the shelter of their shore batteries.

"At least one other destroyer of the Chevalier Paul class, which had been operating against us in Syrian waters, had already been hit and almost certainly sunk by torpedoes from naval aircraft."

"Naval aircraft also carried out successful attacks on the ports of Beirut and Tripoli (Syria) and on warships and shipping in these ports."

"Throughout the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, our submarines continued to inflict losses on the enemy. A supply ship in convoy has been sunk, and a successful attack has been made on a large Italian liner of about 20,000 tons. This ship was hit by two torpedoes."

"A message has been sent to the C.-C.-C. in the Mediterranean asking him to convey the congratulations of the Board of the Admiralty to our submarines for their increasingly successful operations."

## Admiral's Wife On Trial

### Russian Fleet Moves

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ANKARA, June 24 (UP).—Well informed military quarters to-day asserted that numerous units of the Russian fleet including destroyers and submarines left the harbours for sea after German planes had heavily bombed Odessa and other Black Sea harbours.

An unconfirmed report states that many of the Russian craft were pursued and heavily bombed. The action was believed to have taken place near the Rumanian and Bulgarian coasts.

### Russian Destroyer Hits Mine

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, June 24 (UP).—The official news agency reports that a Red destroyer in the Eastern Baltic hit a mine and sank to-day.

Dr Christabel Sybil Nicholson, 50, wife of Admiral Wilmot Stuart Nicholson, who was chief of the British submarine service from 1923 to 1925, was acquitted in a closed trial at Old Bailey recently of a charge that she obtained and recorded information which might be useful to the enemy.

According to the prison docket, she had been detained since May, 1940.

Utmost secrecy was maintained during the five-day trial, with the court windows screened and all doors locked. It was only disclosed that Dr Nicholson, tall and fair-haired, was accused of a four-count indictment. She formerly was a house physician at Charing Cross Hospital.

She and Admiral Nicholson were married in 1934, four years after his retirement at 65. Throughout the trial he was constantly in court.

### UNFIT FOR WORK Fined £10

Two process workers who through drink were unable to work, were fined £10 each at Manchester. The men, Joseph Willis of Stanley Street, Gorton, and John Gough of Haggop Street, Beswick, were accused of having done "acts calculated to interfere with the performance of their work by persons engaged in work of national service."

## Finnish-Russo Relations Said Almost Normal

HELSINKI, June 24 (Reuter).—Only attack from without can induce Finland to abandon her neutrality, a Finnish Foreign Office Spokesman declared to-day. "We are remaining so until attacked," he said.

So far not a single Finnish soldier had crossed the frontier, and other incidents concerning which the foreign minister has verbally protested to the Soviet Minister. The latter has promised to obtain explanations.

Communications between Finland and Russia are almost normal. The telegraph is working although with less regularity, and rail communications are unchanged.

Russian transits across the Gulf of Finland between the Soviet and Hango continues as usual.

## Commons And Lords Debate Support

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our labours are lessened. Nothing is further from the truth.

He was glad that Mr Eden insisted that we should clear our minds of prejudice against the internal form of government in Russia. Our purpose now should be to root out this evil thing and to destroy these outlaws who disregard solemn pacts and agreements and see that peace is restored to a troubled Europe.

The former War Minister, Mr Leslie Hore-Belisha, thought that the latest development could be regarded with qualified satisfaction. The efforts of Germany against us are momentarily distracted and whatever the outcome of the conflict, there will be a great consumption of German war material.

### Stopped in Black Sea

The most satisfactory way of helping Russia will be through the Black Sea, but unfortunately at the moment, the German hold on Greece and Crete, and the Aegean Islands commanding the approaches through the Dardanelles is a great disadvantage to British sea power.

If we do not assist Turkey, that country will be used as an avenue for achievement of Germany's ambitions in Asia and in attacking our interests and our Egyptian position.

One means of sustaining Turkey would be in expediting the conclusion of our Syrian campaign. It is urgent to take measures in a military sphere which will reassure Turkey.

### Support For Hitler

Let us realise the subtlety of this Hitlerian move—whether made from well-desperated or methodical calculation. It carries the support of some other countries by its special appeal. It does carry Marshal Petain, the whole basis of whose government is anti-Communism. It will help to carry General Franco.

But all these are long-term facts. We have as the result of this got a respite and "I pray that Parliament will use it to the full."

The Conservative Member, the Earl of Winterton, thought that the situation between Britain and Turkey should be clarified. He had a great admiration for the Turks and admitted that their difficulties were enormous, but the time had passed when any country of the importance and dignity of Turkey could be in the position she was to-day.

### What A Remark!

Sooner or later she has to declare which side she is on.

Mr Churchill interjected, "What a remark to make!"

Lord Winterton, however, declared that Turkey had signed a treaty with Britain's greatest enemy and asked, "How can you be mutually friendly with two enemies such as Germany and us?"

Mr Churchill again intervened to say, "It would not be in the public interest for the discussion to continue on these lines. We should not seek to probe and define too clearly the attitude of certain Powers surrounded by very great difficulties who may not wish to be in a position to declare themselves."

### Communist Member

Much general interest was evinced when Britain's only Communist member, Mr William Gallagher, who has been persistently critical of the Government, rose to speak.

Mr Gallagher declared that with the war which is being waged against the Soviet Union, it may be said that in a very short space of time there has been a considerable shifting of attitude (Laughter).

"I shall not be the only one that will do the shifting."

"When I read the Prime Minister's Sunday night speech, I must admit that I was greatly surprised that he had gone as far as he had, but even then he did not go far enough (Laughter)."

### Against Sell-Out

"I have always been against a 'sell-out' because it would be a betrayal not only of this country but of Europe. It is essential that we should have a government that could give the most complete and active co-operation with the Soviet Union in the great task ahead."

Replying to a query by another member whether Communists now propose to give the nation's war effort every support, Mr Gallagher declared that Communists are delaying production and declared that any hold-up was the responsibility of the Government and employers.

### House of Lords

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Like the House of Commons, the House of Lords to-day debated British policy towards Russia.

Lord Cranborne, Secretary for the Dominions, made a brief statement on similar lines to Mr Eden's and declared that Britain and Russia are poles apart in matters of politics and religion, but they have common interest in facing a ruthless foe and are the object of the same insatiable ambition.

To ignore that would be folly.

Of the progress of the struggle, he could tell little. Both sides had issued communiques but they tell little.

### Labour Peer

The Labour peer, Lord Addison, predicted that Hitler's insidious propaganda would be directed to posing as the champion of Christendom but the widespread horrors for which Hitler is responsible would keep our objective clearly defined.

The Liberal, Viscount Samuel, recalled that in the last war Britain rallied to Russia although there was profound disapproval of Tsarism. It would be the greatest error if either Britain or the United States relaxed their efforts now that Germany was embroiled with Russia because it was possible that Germany would be stronger than at the beginning on account of added resources of oil and other supplies.

### Slovaks Raise Laugh

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—According to a Bratislava dispatch quoted by the official German news agency, the Slovakian army has joined the Germans "in the defence of European culture."

## QUEEN'S

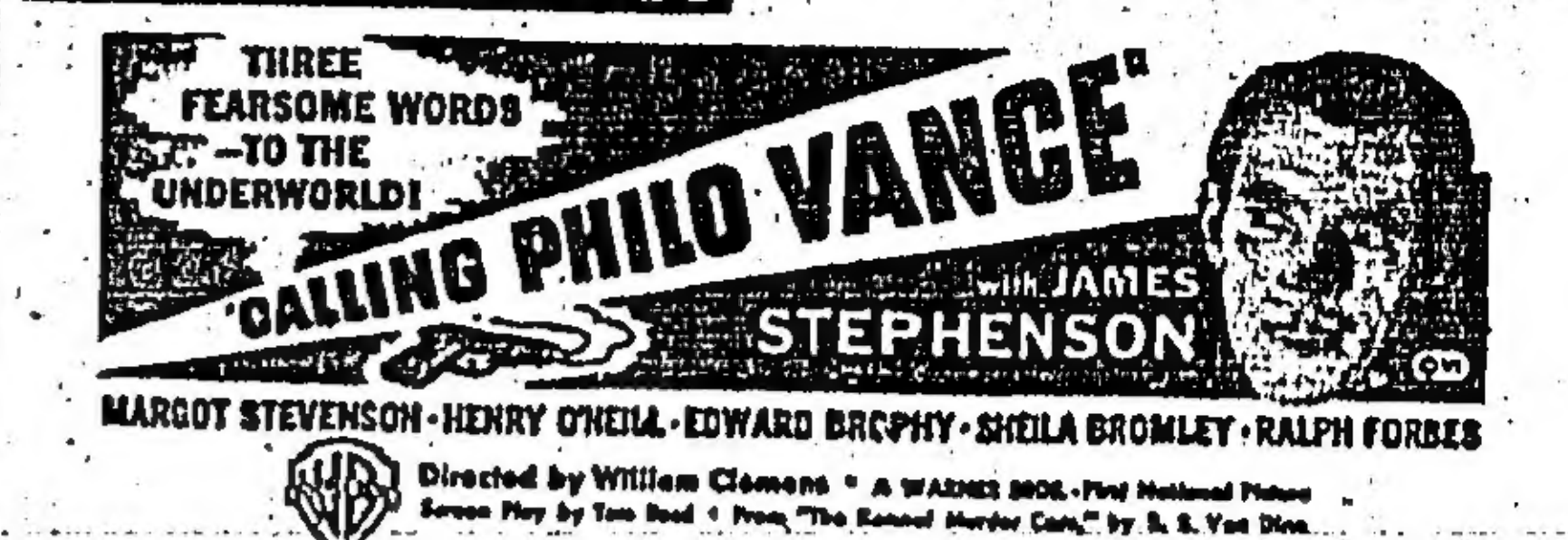
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### Takes White Mice Into Service

A colonel tells the story of an ex-servicemen volunteer for the Pioneer Corps, who was carrying a box.

"What have you there?" inquired the colonel. "White mice." "But you can't take white mice into the Army," "In that case," said the volunteer, "I don't join."

So the colonel, not being anxious to separate the stalwart heart from its beloved pets, allowed them to go into the Pioneer Corps together!

### Premier's Humility

Mrs Churchill told Wearside shipyard workers recently that the trust that the country had placed in the Prime Minister "fills him with humility and with hope and prayer that he will be worthy of the trust reposed in him."

"She was obtaining for her husband an impression of activities 'behind the line' in the Battle of the Atlantic."

"We all know that if the Battle of the Atlantic is lost," she said at a luncheon, "this country will be placed in a very awkward situation, and the war may, therefore, be prolonged for years. If won, nothing that the enemy can do can daunt us or defeat us."

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## FRENCH WARSHIPS ATTACKED

20,000-Ton Italian  
Liner Torpedoed  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, June 24 (UP).—An Admiralty communiqué states that the British fleet and air arm operating off the coast of Syria shelled and torpedoed at least three Vichy destroyers yesterday morning.

Italian Line Sunk  
The Admiralty claimed that submarines, operating in the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, torpedoed a 20,000-ton Italian liner and sunk an enemy supply ship.

R. N. Activity  
LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communiqué states: "Units TURN to Back Page, Column 5"

## BRITAIN'S WAR BILL

£10,250,000 Per Day  
LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Notwithstanding the generous supplies received from America under the Lend and Lease act, Britain is still spending £10,250,000 daily on the war and her national expenditure under all heads is at the rate of £4,400,000,000 per year.

The House of Commons to-day, without division, voted £1,000,000,000 credit for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Ministry of Supply.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, declared that compared with February when the last £1,000,000,000 was voted, there had been a further increase in the rate of expenditure on the war.

Investors' Contributions  
Britain's foreign expenditure had naturally fallen but domestic expenditure had increased correspondingly. Investors were contributing nearly £40,000,000 a week.

A further effort in this direction was still possible and a new drive is to be launched to expand throughout the country the network of savings groups and increase the rate of individual savings.

## Sea Battle Off South Sweden Reported

Special to the "Telegraph"

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—Vigorous detonations which are believed to be the result of gunfire and aerial bombardments were heard last night and this morning off the Swedish south coast, particularly the Island of Gotland, and as far as Stockholm.

It is believed a naval battle is in progress.

South of Helenski  
NEW YORK, June 24 (Reuter).—A sea battle south of Helenski is reported in the Swedish newspaper "Alltids", according to a Stockholm despatch. Gunfire has been

# STRONG SOVIET RESISTANCE ADMITTED BY THE GERMANS

## Big Air Battle And Sea Fight Reported

ANKARA, June 24 (REUTER).—A SEA FIGHT IS REPORTED TO BE GOING ON OFF THE BULGARIAN COAST (BLACK SEA), ACCORDING TO RUMOURS FROM VARNA. SOVIET CRUISERS, DESTROYERS AND SUBMARINES ARE SAID TO BE FIGHTING GERMAN AIRCRAFT, BUT THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION. THE GERMANS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE MINED THE BULGARIAN AND RUMANIAN COAST, BUT THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT A NARROW CHANNEL AT THE MOUTH OF THE BOSPHORUS UNMINED.

Axis sources here admit that the Germans are meeting very strong opposition in Bukovina and state that the Russians are not fighting a defensive battle but are attacking.

Russian sources tell of a huge air battle all along the front with the Soviets holding their own.

Reports from Bucharest state that a Rumanian column from Galatz advanced eight kilometres towards Tarutin, due south of Kishinev.

## SOVIETS 400-MILE AIR RAID

### Selected Targets Attacked

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOSCOW, June 24 (UP).—The Moscow press to-night gave but brief accounts of the activities of the Red army. However one report stated that Red troops "somewhere in a western military district" had repulsed a German attack.

## MOSCOW TESTS ITS DEFENCES

### First Air Alert

MOSCOW, June 24 (Reuter).—The city's first air raid alert lasted from 3 a.m. to 4.25 a.m. but it was later officially announced that in spite of heavy and light anti-aircraft barrage and the sound of shell bursts, this was just "realism" and that the whole affair was a test of A.R.P. precautions.

The population went quickly to the shelters while wardens and other defence personnel went to their stations and posts, and lorries distributed fire-fighting material.

At this period of the year, the Moscow sky is dark for only a very short time and the sky was already clear when "raiders" flew over and the sky was dotted with red and black bursts as the ground defences went into action. Observers noted the effect of the test.

## Baku Oil Fields On War Footing

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—A vast army of workers in the Baku oil fields have been placed on war footing since the beginning of hostilities, states the Moscow radio.

Russians here, however, assert that the Rumanians are not participating in the fighting, being held in reserve.

Rumanians claim that they have crossed the River Pruth at Galatz, Jassy and Lippani. They say that the most northerly column is headed in the direction of Kiev and another two towards Odessa, which is about 150 miles from the present frontier.

### Need Labourers

Germans here boast that the campaign will be over in six weeks when, they say, they will have occupied White Russia, Ukraine and the Caucasus.

They say that they need Russian prisoners as labourers for the Reich since French prisoners of war are useless because they are "tired and unruly."

### Moscow Claim

NEW YORK, June 24 (Reuter).—"The enemy's attacks are being successfully repulsed," Moscow Radio announced to-day according to the Columbia Broadcasting System.

"We congratulate the heroic Red Army on its first military successes," the Soviet announcer added.

### Soviet Planes Raid

VICHY, June 24 (Reuter).—Soviet planes have carried out two raids on the Rumanian Black Sea port of Constantza, states a Home despatch.

The important Danube town of Galatz has also been bombed.

One Soviet plane came down on Rumanian territory, the despatch adds.

### Nazis Claim Initiative

BERLIN, June 24 (Reuter).—The official German news agency reports that the Germans had taken the initiative on Tuesday after "desperate" resistance by the Soviet army TURN to Back Page, Column 5

## LATVIAN REVOLT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—A despatch from Berlin to the "Afton Bladet" states that 60,000 Latvians, who are supplied with a week's munitions are now revolting against the Soviets. It is added that the Latvians have succeeded in building up a regular army and have blown up bridges and important roads.

Radio Kaunas announced that General Pundzevicius, former Chief of the General Staff has been appointed Commander of the anti-Soviet troops.

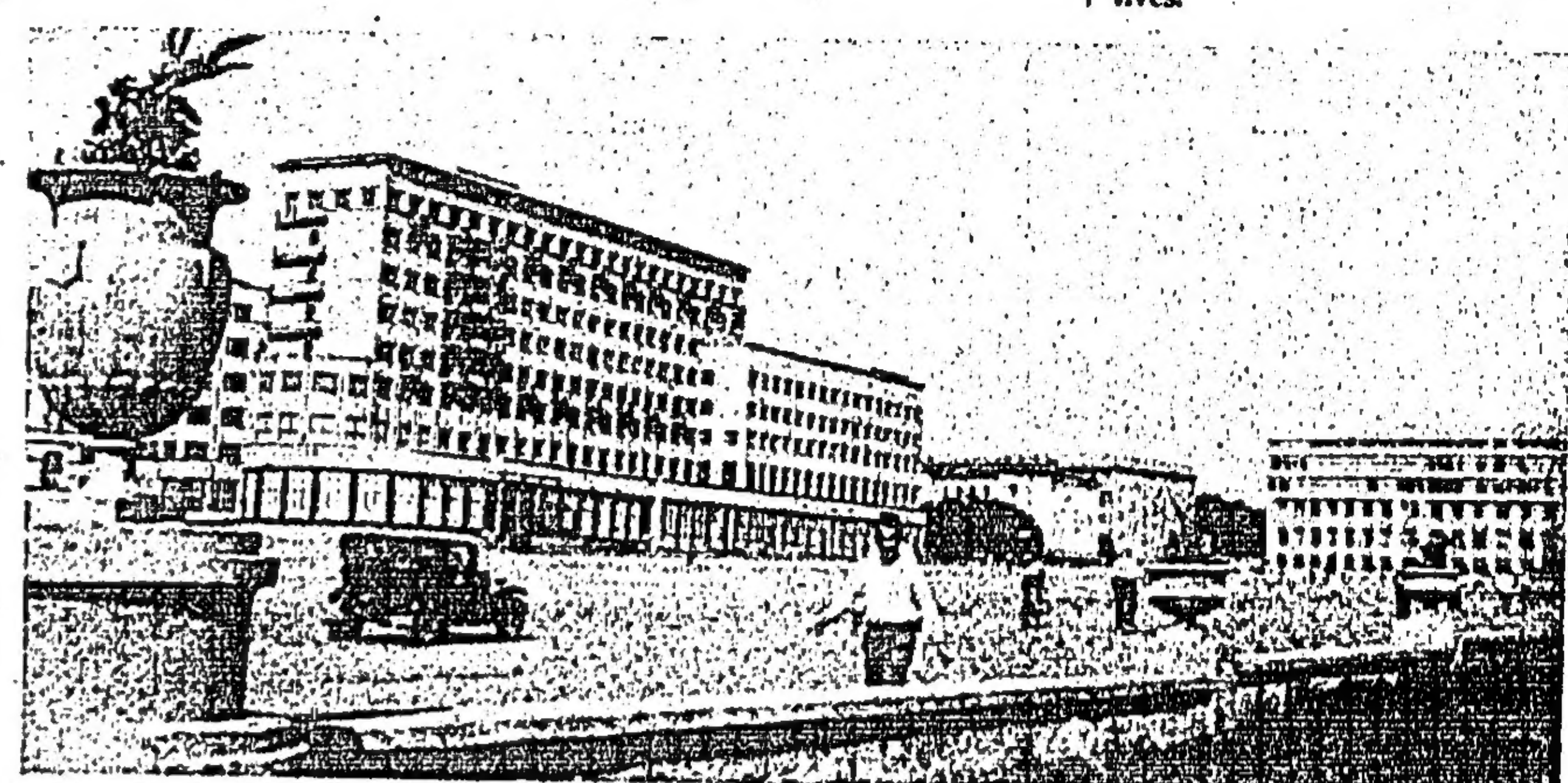
General Reibakas has been appointed Chief of Staff and Colonel Bobella has been appointed Military Commander of Kaunas.

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It is announced that the new procedure is the result of "the declared emergency and necessity for the standpoint of national defence for careful supervision over the entry of aliens to the United States."

HITLER ON WAY  
TO POLAND  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—The "Afton Bladet" without disclosing the sources of the report, stated to-day that Hitler left Germany yesterday in order to establish headquarters somewhere in Poland.

A specially armoured railway train was reported to be moving eastward immediately following the German troops.



## Commons and Lords Debate British Support For Russia

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Mr H. G. Lees-Smith, Leader of the Opposition, who followed Mr Anthony Eden in the House of Commons debate, declared that if Hitler imagined that by this act he would be regarded by any party or quarter in this country or the United States as a crusader against Communism, he under-estimated our intelligence. (Cheers).

His last act on Sunday morning merely means that owing to the increased forces which we now have in this country, Hitler has realised that he must defeat Russia and release the great air force and 100 divisions from the Russian border before the final assault on this country.

## R.A.F. Continues Channel Raids

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—The unchallenged Royal Air Force carried out their first big offensive sweep of the day early this evening over northern France.

People in south coast towns heard the roar of bombers flying out to sea and violent explosions from beyond the curtain of haze in mid channel. The explosions lasted for nearly half an hour.

While the attack was in progress strong forces of British fighters swept up and down the Channel on the look-out for German fighters but none appeared to approach the English Channel.

Nazis Feel Blows  
LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—There is no doubt that the Germans are undertaking a large-scale evacuation of German civilians and administration officials to Norway to seek rest from the relentless British bombing of Hamburg, Bremen, Kiel and other north German towns, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

In the last few days, the Germans have requisitioned thousands of flats and houses in Oslo and the surrounding districts, and also in Trondheim and some towns and villages in inland parts of the west coast.

## Watch On Entrants To U.S.A.

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuter).—The establishment of a new immigration policy was announced by the State Department to-day.

All immigration visas will be centralized in Washington with emphasis on the suitability of immigrants to the national defence programme.

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## Another Soviet Key City

Amongst the Soviet Ukraine key cities is Kharkov, created since the revolution, which is the tractor-building centre of the Ukraine. Capture of this place is among the more important German military objectives.

## SIEGE OF PALMYRA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, June 24 (UP).—An official despatch from Beirut states that Palmyra has been wholly encircled and that a siege has begun.

The British fleet resumed the shelling of Damour, south of Beirut.

After consolidating at Damascus and naming General Legentilhomme as Governor, the British and Free French troops broke through the French defence ring north and west of the capital, the two columns progressing towards Rayak, Beirut and Homs.

## No Raids On Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 24 (UP).—A joint communiqué issued by the Ministry of Home Security and the Air Ministry states that there was no enemy air activity over Britain up to 8 p.m. adding "one enemy bomber was destroyed in a small attack on this country last night."

## Vichy Planes Destroyed: Widespread Syria Raids

CAIRO, June 24 (Reuter).—The destruction of eight Vichy aircraft on the ground, and damage to a very large number of others during raids on Syria are announced in a Royal Air Force communiqué issued this evening.

A number of hits on flying boats at Syracuse and the discovery of 15 burnt-out Italian aircraft at Jimma, Abyssinia, are other highlights.

"Syria: Aircraft of the R.A.F. and Australian Air Force were active in Syria yesterday. A large force machine-gunned an aerodrome at Baalbek. Tallia and Rayak destroying eight Vichy aircraft on the ground. A very large number of others were damaged and another was attacked and severely damaged in the air."

Aerodrome Attacked  
"A squadron of the A.A.F. carried out a machine-gun attack on an aerodrome near Homs. One hangar and a number of other buildings were burnt out, several motor transport vehicles were damaged and one Vichy Glenn Martin was destroyed on the ground."

Western Desert  
"Cyrenaica: The harbour of Benghazi and an enemy transport in the same area were bombed on Sunday night."

"Abyssinia: Eleven Caproni aircraft and four C.R. 32's were found burnt out when our troops entered Jimma."

"From all operations, two British aircraft are missing, and a third made a forced landing in enemy territory."

## \$50,000 GIFT TO BOMBER FUND

A munificent donation of \$50,000 to the Bomber Fund was received this morning from Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

This is the second gift of \$50,000 made to the fund by this company.

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- 3.—The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- 4.—All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- 5.—No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
- 6.—All entries to be either black and white, or sepia-toned, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- 7.—Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- 8.—No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- 9.—Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes—10x12, 10x20.
- 10.—No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- 11.—Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- 12.—The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- 13.—At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph offices within seven days.
- 14.—The use of aliases is strictly forbidden.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Hong Kong, 13th June, 1941.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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## Queen Wilhelmina Favours Assistance To Soviets

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, broadcasting, said: "We are full of compassion for the Russian people who have to undergo such a terrible ordeal."

To-day, it is Russia but we know that to-morrow or the day after, those mighty bulwarks of our civilisation and principles which are holy to us, the British Empire and the United States, will have to withstand the main might of Hitler's war machine.

"For this reason, when circumstances may lead to this, we shall fight by the side of the Russian people. We shall do this, remaining faithful to our viewpoint in respect of Bolshevism which is the result of our principles, for we may never forget that we reject absolutely the principles and practices of Bolshevism."

**Tribute To Empire**  
Queen Wilhelmina paid tribute to the "firm, courageous attitude and wide statesmanship displayed by the British Empire towards this new conflict."  
She said, "They, like the United States, will never tolerate a wedge being driven between our mutual co-operation for freedom and justice by Hitler's treacherous policy or that a shackling should occur in the world-wide co-operative effort to bring about a victory of our arms."

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

### BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....1,315 b.  
H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$.....75 1/2 n.  
H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$.....70 n.  
Chartered \$.....83 1/2 n.  
Mercantile & A. & B. \$.....23 1/2 n.  
Mercantile C. \$.....11 1/2 n.  
East Asia \$.....72 b.

### INSURANCES

Canton S. & I. \$.....212 1/2 b.  
Union \$.....40 n.  
China Underwriters \$.....180 b.  
H.K. Fire \$.....180 b.

### SHIPPING

Douglas \$.....128 n.  
Seamboats \$.....8 n.  
Indo-China S. \$.....80 b.  
Indo-China D. \$.....80 n.  
Shell (Bearers) \$.....43 1/2 n.  
Waterboats \$.....65 n.

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Wharves \$.....88 n.  
Docks \$.....15 1/2 b.  
Providents \$.....5 1/2 b.  
Shai Dockyards \$.....20 1/2 n.

### MINING

Kallan \$.....11 1/2 n.  
Hauas \$.....8 n.  
H.K. Mines \$.....1 1/2 cts. n.

### LANDS

Hotels \$.....3 b.  
Lands \$.....32 n.  
Lands & Debentures \$.....97 1/2 n.  
Shai Lands Sh. \$.....15.00 n.  
Humphreys \$.....6.40 n.  
H.K. Realities \$.....2.00 n.  
Chinese Estates \$.....x.d. 90 b.

### UTILITIES

Trams \$.....10 1/2 sa.  
Peak Trams (old) \$.....7 n.  
Peak Trams (new) \$.....3 1/4 n.  
Star Ferries \$.....51 1/2 n.  
Y. Ferries \$.....21.35 n.  
China Lights (old) \$.....6.05 sa.  
China Lights (new) \$.....1.30 b.  
H.K. Electric (old) \$.....x.r.s. 21 1/4 n.  
H.K. Electric (new) \$.....20 n.  
H.K. Electric Rts. \$.....11 sa.  
Macao Electric \$.....18.65 sa.

### INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$.....30 n.  
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Canton Tees \$.....1 n.  
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Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$.....1.20 n.

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Ewo Sh. \$.....38 1/2 n.  
Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....2.65 n.

### MISC.

H.K. Govt. 4%.....07 1/2 n.  
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934).....04 1/2 sa.  
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940).....04 n.  
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSBds......28 n.  
Enterprises \$.....6.30 b.  
Constructions (old) \$.....1.00 n.  
Constructions (new) \$.....7.20 n.  
Vibro Piling \$......6/3 n.  
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) \$.....2/1 1/4 n.  
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) \$......2/1 1/4 n.  
Lights Rts. \$.....30 cts. b.

## Finns And Poland

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Finland no longer recognises the existence of Poland as an independent state and has this afternoon handed a note to that effect, dated from to-day, to the Polish Minister in Helsinki.

The reason given is that since Poland is occupied and administered partly by Germany and partly by Russia, "the activity of the Legation rests without any practical foundation."

The Polish Minister has sent a note of protest to the Finnish Foreign Office.

### Polish Protest

LONDON, June 24 (UP).—It is learned from Polish official circles that Finland has sent a note to the Polish Minister, Henryk Hokinicki, declaring that Finland can no longer recognise Poland as an independent state, to which the Polish Government has protested.

The Hongkong Rotary Club held a closed meeting yesterday, when club matters were discussed. The annual change of officers took place this week.

## Exchange At A Glance

### SELLING

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### Major Baseball

## Cardinals Overwhelm Boston Braves

NEW YORK, June 24 (UP).—St. Louis Cardinals overwhelmed Boston Braves 13-1 for the biggest victory in the Major Baseball League to-day though in the American circuit, Boston Red Sox trounced Cleveland Indians 13-2.

Complete scores were:

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Boston.....R. H. E.  
St. Louis.....13 14 0  
Batteries: Erickson, Salvo, Torres, Montgomery; Warneke, Padgett.

Philadelphia.....R. H. E.  
Pittsburgh.....1 5 1  
Batteries: Beck, Hoover, Warren, Livingston; French, Olsen, McCullough.

The Brooklyn-Pittsburgh game is a nighter.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland.....R. H. E.  
Boston.....3 10 3  
Batteries: Harder, Brown, Henneberry; Walker, Lombardi.

New York.....R. H. E.  
Cincinnati.....3 11 0  
Batteries: Melton, Danning; French, Olsen, McCullough.

The Brooklyn-Pittsburgh game is a nighter.

The Philadelphia game will be played to-night.

### BRITAIN'S AGRICULTURAL TRIUMPH

LONDON, June 24 (British Wireless).—The latest effort of Goebbels' propaganda machine to impress the agricultural populations by dropping pamphlets from aeroplanes to the effect that Britain is nearing starvation was directed at an audience who themselves are working to make the position quite the reverse.

According to the Agriculture Ministry, about four million acres of grassland have been ploughed up in two years.

The cattle population is still in the neighbourhood of the pre-war record. Sheep are high in numbers.

### Fertilisers Used

More fertilisers have been spread on land in the last 12 months than ever before in British history.

The remaining grassland has been improved and is now doing a considerably bigger job acre for acre than formerly. Thousands of acres have been reclaimed, thousands of miles of ditches have been cleared out and columns of tractors, nearly 100,000 strong, are preparing for the harvest of the year.

Grass has taken on fresh life. Hay promises not to be so bad after all. Even at the peak of the last war, the country did not look more rich with food crops than it does to-day.

"Everything was marvellously clean and the food was well cooked," said the pilot, "and I was particularly impressed by the exceedingly freshening beer they gave us to drink."

The chief presented their visitors with a bullock and a couple of sheep to sustain them during their visit, and the warriors prepared a 200 yards runway so that the aircraft could take off again.

### Italians In India

BOMBAY, June 24 (Reuter).—Over 1,000 officers were among the 1,000 Italian prisoners of war who arrived in India in two batches.

### 70 PER CENT. OF NEW NAZI U-BOATS SUNK

Since new German U-boats began to come into commission last May, 1940, about 70 per cent. have, probably been sunk, according to Commander H. Pursey's estimates in Brassey's Naval Annual.

"It should be possible to improve on that," he writes. "But the present rate probably is greater than the German replacement of U-boats."

"It is certainly greater than the available supply of efficient crews," adds Commander Pursey.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"We call this our Trojan Horse sales plan. When the prospect opens the box to see what someone has sent them, our agent steps out and demonstrates our little nifty vacuum cleaner!"

## Finnish-Russo Relations Said Almost Normal

HELSINKI, June 24 (Reuter).—Only attack from without can induce Finland to abandon her neutrality, a Finnish Foreign Office Spokesman declared to-day. "We are remaining so until attacked," he said.

So far not a single Finnish soldier had crossed the frontier. Asked for his views on Hitler's statement that the front would extend from the Arctic Ocean to the Black Sea, the spokesman said that Finland regarded the front as political and not military. Finland did not recognise the term "non-belligerent." She recognised only neutrality or war.

**Shots Across Frontier**  
Official communications mention shots fired across the frontier, and other incidents concerning which the foreign minister has verbally protested to the Soviet Minister. The latter has promised to obtain explanations. Communications between Finland and Russia are almost normal. The telephone is working although with less regularity, and rail communications are unchanged.

Russian transit across the Gulf of Finland between the Soviet and Hango continues as usual.

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.  
1.02 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Orchestras.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.  
1.45 Mozart—Concerto in E Flat Major.

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Andantino; 3rd Mov: Rondo (Presto); 4th Mov: Menuetto. . . . .Walter Gieseking (Piano) and Members of the State Opera House Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.  
6.00 Indian Programme.  
6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra and Richard Tauber.  
7.15 Selections from Light Opera.  
"Floradora" (Leslie Stuart); "H.M.S. Pinafore" (Selection) (Gilbert and Sullivan); "Lily of Killarney" (Vocal Gems) (Benedict); "The Three Musketeers" (Vocal Gems) (The Three Musketeers).

7.45 Selection (C. Strauss after Johann Strauss, father and son); "Chauve-Souris" (Selection).  
8.00 London Relay—The News.  
8.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

8.30 Programme Summary.  
8.32 Compositions of Liszt.  
Benedictus. De Dieu Dans La Solitude. . . . .Louis Kentner (Piano); Consolation (No. 3). . . . .Natan Milstein (Violin) with Piano acc.; Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1. . . . .State Opera Orchestra.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
9.02 List Lehmann's "In A Persian Garden".  
9.03 (From "The Rubalyn" of Omar Khayyam); Quartet: Dora Labbett, Muriel Brunskill, Hubert Eldred and Harold Williams with Piano.

9.37 Violin Solos.  
Rondino (On A Theme By Beethoven—Kreislerei); Variations (On A Theme By Corelli—Tartini). . . . .Zino Francescatti with Piano acc.; La Capriccio (Ries). . . . .Alfredo Campanelli with Piano acc.

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).  
9.45 The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.  
Marriage of Figaro—Overture (Mozart); Adagio (From Symphony No. 5—Mahler). . . . .10.00 London Relay—The News and News Comments.

10.15 Studio—Our Letter from Free China.  
Read by Mrs. Alice Chow.  
10.30 Dance Music.  
11.00 London Relay—"Correspondence Column"—Talk by Sidney Hornblow.

11.15 Close Down.

## Portuguese Lifeboat Is Missing

LISBON, June 24 (Reuter).—The British Embassy here has issued the following statement to-day: "With regard to the sinking of the Portuguese ship Ganda, the British Embassy is in a position to state that no British or Allied submarine was on the date in question, in the waters in which the incident occurred."

Despite diligent search by sea and air, no trace has yet been reported of the second lifeboat which, it is believed, contained forty survivors of the Ganda.

It will be recalled that the Ganda was torpedoed en route from Lisbon to East Africa, and that 23 survivors, mostly injured, were landed on Sunday by trawler. Two persons were killed.

## American Air Observer Killed

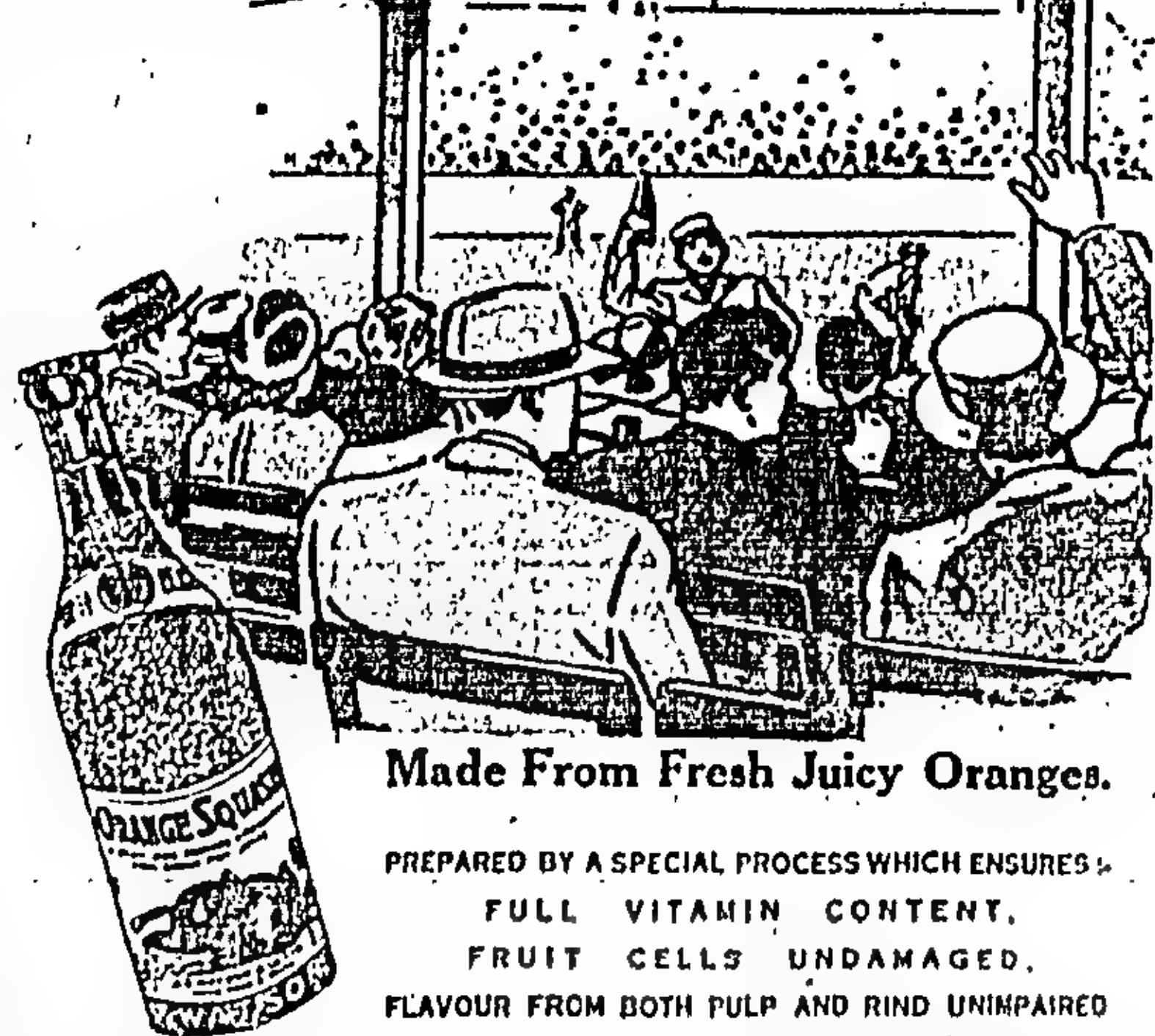
WASHINGTON, June 24 (UP).—The War Department to-day was advised that Lieutenant Follet Bradley, Jr., Army Air Corps observer was killed in a plane crash on June 22 near Catterick, Yorkshire, England. No details were given.







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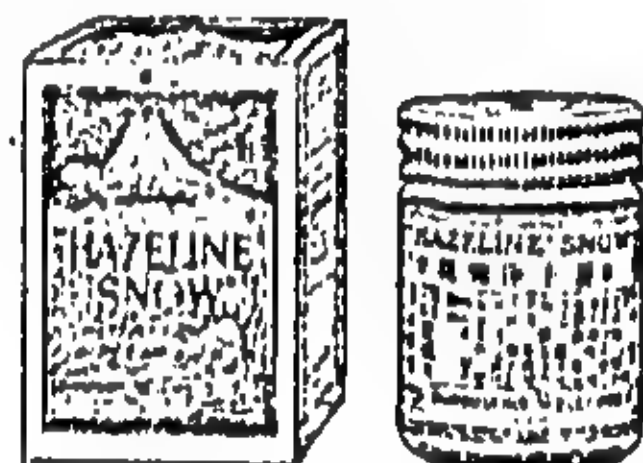
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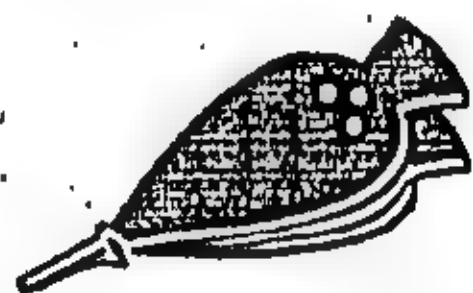
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## WINNING BATTLE OF THE SKIES

AGAINST the broad canvas of a conflict which, with its latest developments, has virtually become a world war, the significance of the daylight offensive by the R.A.F. over northern France during the past four days is, perhaps, liable to lose its correct perspective and to be regarded, in well-known military parlance, as merely "local activity." But the figures of relative German and British losses are too arresting to permit this valuation. The Nazis, with all the advantages of a defensive fighting unit have lost 113 planes (for certain) against the R.A.F.'s 30—a ratio of nearly four to one.

These figures give part of the picture. They demonstrate the greatness of the new Spitfires and re-emphasise the undoubted superiority of the British pilots. They illustrate that whereas the Nazi airmen, when they invade Britain, seldom escape with an adverse ratio of losses of much less than three to one, the R.A.F., when they take the war into the enemy's camp, can retain at least the same favourable proportion of losses in men and machines.

The other side of the picture which the last four days have given is that Britain is more and more attaining the position where she can raid Germany and German-occupied territory with as much intensity as the Nazis attacked England last year that she can, in fact, take the full initiative in the combat for aerial supremacy, and that British supremacy is more and more becoming a realisation.

Mr Churchill was not using vain and empty words, nor was he indulging in bravado when he promised Russia that Britain would intensify the war against Germany as a result of the Nazi onslaught against the Soviet. The Premier backed up his words by actions—actions which he knew could be taken because at long last the country is in a position to assume an aerial offensive on a major scale.

The knowledge is vastly encouraging and must surely serve to inspire the people of Hongkong to support to the limit the Bomber Fund, which is the Colony's one sure method of helping to supply the R.A.F. with the machines most needed for the successful conduct and

# THE UKRAINE Richest Land on Earth



The Ukraine is news. Germany's attack on Russia has again made people say that Hitler covets the richest province in the U.S.S.R.

HARRISON BROWN, traveller and author, who has made many trips around the world and is familiar with the Ukraine, here presents this factual article.

I WANDERED for days through the richest land on earth, the Socialist Republic of the Ukraine. Through its pretty thatched roof villages and over its collective farms; in the crowded streets of its capital, Kiev, of its great port Odessa, and of Kharkov, its chief industrial centre.

My general impression is that this most coveted, and therefore most strategically dangerous, territory represents one of the greatest Bolshevik successes. To a very large extent they have created that best of all bulwarks against aggression from outside, a contented population. It was not always so.

Even three or four years ago attack from outside might easily have been accompanied by sporadic revolt within the country itself. To-day that seems out of the question.

The Ukrainians are a gay people. Not for nothing are their folk dances and balalaika orchestras famous throughout the world. Dancing and music bubble forth as the natural expression of the Ukrainian temperament.

In other ways, too, the Ukraine is different. The people are bigger, healthier and more swarthy than the muddy-faced Muscovites. Although enslaved for generations, they have never acquired the slave mentality, and this no doubt accounts for the amazing speed with which they are now developing.

THE countryside, too, is different. The villages look cleaner with their little whitewashed cottages, their cherry orchards and flower gardens. They contrast strongly with the unpainted, dun-coloured wooden shacks and houses of the North and East. Kiev, their capital city on the Dnieper, is one of the most beautiful towns in Russia.

consolidation of this offensive. No direct appeal from Mr Churchill to this Colony could be more emphatic than the news of the last four days. Britain is winning the battle of the skies, and Hongkong has a glorious opportunity to contribute towards the final and conclusive elimination of the Luftwaffe and the avenging of London, Coventry, Southampton, Portsmouth and the other blitzed cities of Britain.

Under the Tsars the Ukrainians were, of course, an oppressed people, to such an extent that even their language was not allowed to be taught. In 1918 the great landowners and the Germans and the country lay under a ruthless occupation which, incidentally, has not been forgotten.

Then came Allied interventionists and a period of civil war. Between December, 1918, and August, 1919, Kiev saw fourteen different Governments rise and fall. There came then an end to the time of burning villages, but not an end of trouble.

For ten years the Ukraine was a more or less dissatisfied member of the Soviet Union, culminating in definite secessionist uprisings during the famine years of 1932 and 1933. In 1932 Stalin appointed Postyshev "Secretary" to the Central Executive Committee of the Ukraine. In plain English Postyshev was made dictator with carte blanche to suppress all autonomous leanings.

To-day the Ukraine is the most prosperous province of the Union and one of the most contented.

The population is over thirty million or about twenty per cent. of the total population of the U.S.S.R. no longer requires to import cotton.

To a very large extent indeed the general improvement is due to an attack on the Ukraine would prove no picnic for the attacker. It might even prove an execution block.

There are now 400,000 acres under this crop and as a consequence the U.S.S.R. no longer requires to import cotton.

Of course, when fronts become stabilised—as they did in Albania—troops on both sides could dig in, and real lines could be formed, not at first but by slow degrees.

Even so, there was not the continuous "line" of twenty-five years ago. Modern defences are not organised in that way.

They are, usually, small *arêtes* prepared to meet all-round attack—and there are lots of troops behind the foremost ones.

These provide "defence in depth." Their purpose is to "cushion" the attack, and slow it up until it is finally checked by reinforcing troops, even 100 miles in rear of the mechanised troops.

The spaces between these small defended areas are usually open. By day, they are covered the enemy centres of resistance.

who guessed too well what it would mean for themselves, did nothing to help the peasant understand.

The attempt on the part of the Government to force hundred per cent. communism down their throats proved a costly failure.

The famine years of 1932 and 1933 were less the result of climatic conditions than of refusal on the part of the Ukrainian peasant to reap or sow. The harvest was got in largely by townspeople and forced labour.

The volte-face came with the so-called Stalin Statute, by which the peasant is allowed to possess an acre or two of land of his own and a few domestic animals. To-day there are 27,000 collective farms and all but 10 per cent. of agricultural land in the Ukraine is cultivated by State farms or collectives. The Government may be said to have retreated, but it was a retreat which brought victory.

INDUSTRIAL development is even more important. Everywhere one sees new plants in operation or in course of building. Operated by the nine giant turbines of the Dnieper Dam are enormous metal and chemical works, of which the aluminium plant alone produces more than the total production of France. There is another near by which produces more pig iron than the whole of Poland.

In Kharkov they make everything from biscuits to locomotives. The huge tractor plant is famous. So also are the great turbine and electric generator works.

Accompanying this is a prodigious improvement in education. Before the Revolution 60 per cent. of the population was illiterate. To-day there are more youngsters in the Ukraine enjoying higher education than there are in Nazi Germany. There are 27,000 medical students alone, 30,000 in the Agricultural Colleges, and 11,000 more in the Universities for specialised agricultural work.

Almost every important industrial area in the country has its own air club and thousands of workers become trained pilots in their spare time. According to a published report, more than 100,000 applications for such training have been received so far this year.

Of what the actual military defences of the Ukraine consist is anybody's guess. The territory is part of the great European plain and lacks all natural frontiers: on the West, a fact which most certainly has not been overlooked by Marshal Voroshilov.

But for a rich and coveted land the attitude of the inhabitants is a factor of the utmost importance also. It was that which I came to see, and what I have seen convinces me that an attack on the Ukraine would prove no picnic for the attacker. It might even prove an execution block.

## NO MORE "FRONT LINES"

By Major

E. W. Sheppard

THE enemy, we will imagine, occupies two towns 100 miles apart. Immediately, on our war maps, we draw a line between those two towns, and say, "There is the new battlefield."

This conception of "lines" and "fronts" dates from the last war. In this war of movement, it is often old-fashioned and dangerous.

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by fire from flanks or rear, and by night by patrols.

So, in this sort of warfare, all that a "line" can show is a general trace of the foremost defended areas.

A string of beads—without the string—would be a better way of showing the real position.

But in mobile warfare, even that device gives a false impression. In that sort of fighting—especially nowadays with highly mobile forces—columns thrust well ahead through or round the enemy, going deep into his territory, regardless of what forces of his they are leaving behind.

The job of dealing with those hostile forces is left to slower, and heavier bodies of troops coming up behind—very often a long way behind.

Sometimes in France those were 50 or 60 miles in rear of the mechanised troops.

If they had failed to close up, they are covered the enemy centres of resistance.

between them and their comrades in front, the latter would have had to come back—if they could.

If they could not, they would have been destroyed.

Anyhow, it is quite wrong for us nowadays to think that because two fast-moving columns 50 miles apart, have advanced 50 miles deep into enemy territory, they have therefore conquered all the country behind them or in between them.

They have not. All they have really taken and held is the ground they themselves actually occupy, as they stand.

What they have done is to disrupt the connections between the hostile defended areas, and to threaten and possibly to cut lines of communication to the rear.

If these lines of inter-communication and of rearward communication cannot be restored, then the resistance cannot be prolonged, because their material means of fighting will be exhausted.

Moreover, the knowledge that this is so may demoralise the garrisons and cause them to surrender or retreat at once.

Then the country in the rear of those mobile forces that have pushed so far ahead can really be said to be conquered—but not till then.

So let us get out of our heads this idea of "lines" and continuous fronts in the mobile warfare of to-day. It is as out of date as castles and crossbows.







## Around The Courses

# Advised Preservation Of Equipment And Balls

## Possible Shortage Of Sports Materials

### Rust And Rot Of Clubs

(By "Birdie")

THE TIMELY but not altogether gloomy warning forecast of Mr F. Miller, sports manager of one of Australia's biggest firms, that the effect of a long war will be a shortage in sports materials was printed on this page on Monday, and it certainly wouldn't do any harm for people in Hongkong and the Far East to pay just a little attention to the words that have been written.

Particularly so in the tropics, damage through rust to steel shafted clubs takes quite a toll on equipment. Only recently I saw two such shafted clubs snap in the hands of the wielders in the act of hitting.

The weather we are having at the moment is highly destructive. There is first the rain, then condensation and thirdly perspiration. All three soak through the leather grips and when they have wrought their damage on the club shaft and it snaps, the condition of the steel is an amazing revelation. Even without the rain, the second two sources are sufficient to create havoc.

A glance at such a broken shaft is enough to galvanise one into more serious preservation of one's clubs. Perhaps, the principle fault in the manufacture of the shafts are not chromium plated the whole length, but only from the neck to the beginning of the grip. Underneath the grip is just plain, unprotected, metal.

This is one solution to the problem, the second is one of castor oil and methylated spirit. The main use of this is to preserve the tackiness of the leather, ensuring a better hold, but it also helps to keep moisture from reaching through to the steel.

Another source of damage to clubs is the rotting of the wooden heads. It is thus all the more imperative that clubs should be oiled after use, even the irons. Caddies, I know, are supposed to perform this duty, but the more careful player will give it his personal attention.

The junction of the head to the shaft is a vulnerable spot. Steel can be attacked through here, and the danger of snapping, especially with irons, cannot be minimised. About golf, Mr Miller said: Restriction on imports of steel tubing and heavy local demands may stop the manufacture of golf clubs in a year or so. Used motor tyres may be boiled down to make, not the present type, but a solid gutta-percha ball with only one-third the driving distance.

These are words of wisdom, and it should not be surprising if, especially with regard to imported

### Chinese Tourists Beat Sth Australia

ADELAIDE, June 24 (UP).—The Chinese touring soccer team beat South Australia 4-1 to-day.

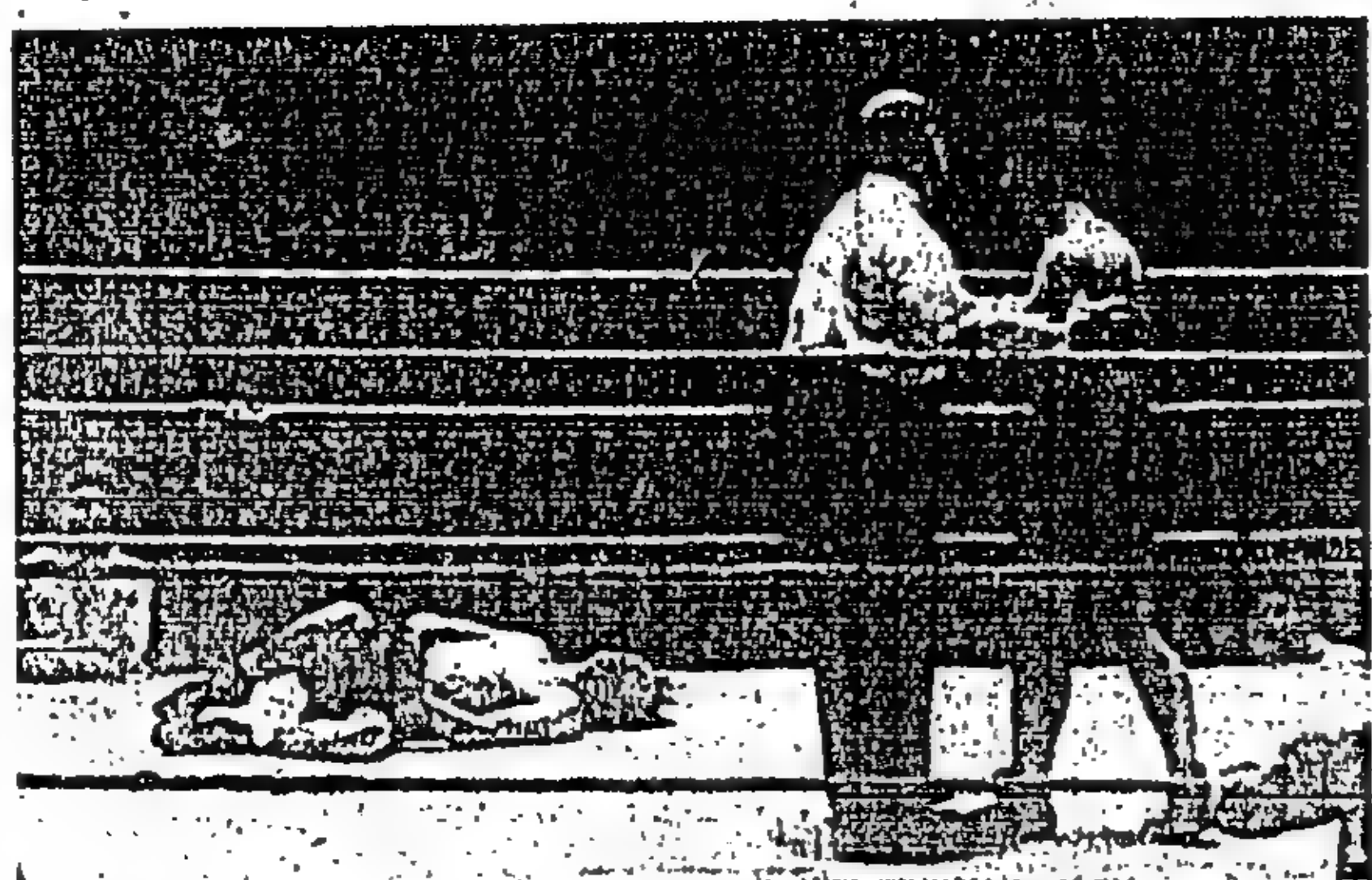
clubs, there should be a scarcity in Hongkong before long.

ONE of the finest drainage systems that could be installed on a golf course is that of trees. But the trouble with most of our courses here is that they were once paddi-fields and the clay content of the soil prevents the water from sinking through.

This is especially so at the Country Club, Sheungshui, and the only way out there is the digging of ditches. The first fairway at Kowloon is a real teaser for the Course Committee, and even at the moment there are extensive operations in progress to take away the rain that has settled there.

But whatever drawbacks the rain may have had on that fairway, it has certainly done some good on the fifth where lizards, tree-lizards, I am told they are called, though there aren't any trees for quite some distance around—have burrowed their way into the comparatively sandy ground and have tossed out their diggings on to the surface.

These lizards, seen through a big magnifying glass, would present an awe-inspiring spectacle, for they are miniatures of the great reptiles of the prehistoric ages. They are, in fact, similar to those used in the making of the film "One Million B.C." Picturesque as they may be, they are nevertheless a great pest on a golf course. They have an aversion for water, and the recent rains have either kept them away or drowned them. I doubt if the latter cause is



The final scene of the disappointing Eric Boon-Kid Berg bout in London recently. Berg (on the canvas) won on a foul.

### Lawn Bowls Pairs

## Leonard & Ward Beat Phillips And McKelvie

### Two Matches Yesterday

TWO MATCHES in the Lawn Bowls Pairs Open Championship were played yesterday, the more exciting of the two being that in which J. W. Leonard and W. Ward, of Craigenower, eliminated R. P. Phillips and J. McKelvie, Kowloon B.C.C., 16-14 at the Kowloon F.C.

At the Civil Service C.C., C. H. Basto and J. J. Basto beat F. N. Hill and W. C. Higgs 21-13.

Leonard and Ward scored on 13 of the 21 heads at the Kowloon F.C., but in their eight heads, Phillips and McKelvie

correct, however, for past rains have not resulted in their extinction.

MOST people who play golf find it one of the most difficult and untasteful of games. But there is at least one man who will not play the game because it is "too easy," says "Golf Monthly."

Sacha Guitry, the French actor, went to Evian to take the waters and play golf. He bought a complete outfit, including gloves and umbrella, from the professional and went out for his first lesson.

After a few demonstrations from the pro, he drove his first shot well over a bunker about 200 yards down the fairway. He repeated the performance a second and third time, threw away the driver and walked off the tee, remarking: "This game is childish, too easy for me." He never came back either to play or for his clubs!

included a 5 which was recorded on the 9th end.

The Craigenower pair opened the scoring in the shuttle struggle, but on the 8th head, the totals were level, 6-all. With their five on the succeeding head, Phillips and McKelvie took an 11-6 lead, but the Craigenower men figured in a run of 1, 1, 2, 1 to level off again at 11-all.

Each side scored singles alternately over the following four ends, bringing the score to 13-all at the 17th. But with a run of three singles Leonard and Ward were in front 16-13 on the 20th.

Phillips and McKelvie could not improve on a single for the final head, and Leonard and Ward entered the next round.

Win For Bastos  
C. H. AND J. J. BASTO had little difficulty against F. N. Hill and W. C. Higgs at the Civil Service C. C. green. The Recluse combination opened with a 4 and followed this with 2, 1, 1, 3 to lead 11-0 before the opposition registered a 2. This lead was increased to 14-4 on the 9th and score at the 12th read 15-7.

Over the last nine heads, Hill and Higgs scored on six, but in singles while on the three ends in their favour the Basto brothers registered 2 on the 14th, 1 on the 18th and finished off the game with 3 on the last head.

### To-day's Match

H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, last year's champions, to-day engage A. Hyde Lay and J. N. Wong at the Kowloon F. C. It will be a good game to watch though the odds are in the holders' favour.

### League Tennis

## Craigengower Trounce C.B.A. In "D" Division

CRAIGENGOWER O.C. trounced Central British Association 8-1 in a "D" Division tennis match played at Happy Valley yesterday.

D. T. Smith and N. B. Whitley were the only visiting pair to win a set. K. M. Au and C. M. Leo (C.C.C.) won all three sets with the loss of only three games.

Scores were:  
K. M. Au and C. M. Leo (C.C.C.) beat B. I. Bleckford and T. Gaubert 6-1; beat D. T. Smith and N. B. M. Whitley 6-1; beat D. Tomashevsky and D. Fittinghoff 6-1.

Y. G. Mok and Y. H. Leung (C.C.C.) beat Bleckford and Gaubert 6-2; beat Smith and Whitley 6-3; beat Tomashevsky and Fittinghoff 6-1.

T. K. Lien and P. C. Yu (C.C.C.) beat Bleckford and Gaubert 6-1; lost to Smith and Whitley 5-7; beat Tomashevsky and Fittinghoff 6-1.

Sunday Cricket At University

THE UNIVERSITY commenced on their Sunday cricket programme this week-end when they met a team from the Queen Mary Hospital at Pokfulam at 8 a.m.

The University team has not yet been chosen, but the Hospital will be represented by Dr. H. L. Ozorio (Capt.), E. V. Hopkinson, S. Bentley, Dr. E. L. Gosano, J. F. MacGowan, C. Haynes, Dr. Lule, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. Mahan Singh.

## Nazi Methods Of Gaining Information

### Famed Polish Athlete Tortured To Death

LONDON, June 17 (Reuter).—Janusz Kusocinski, famous Polish long-distance runner, who won the 10,000 metres championship in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 1932, has been tortured to death by the Gestapo, according to news reaching Polish circles here.

Kusocinski, like hundreds of other prominent citizens, was charged by the Germans of being connected with anti-German underground activities. Although lacking proof, the Gestapo determined to extract information from Kusocinski, and tortured him for several months before killing him.

They first broke his legs which brought him many athletic victories in various parts of the world, and during the second investigation they broke his left arm and damaged his right eye.

Later Kusocinski was thrown into a dark dungeon practically without food and water and was periodically subjected to fresh tortures.

### Broken Man

A fellow prisoner who saw the famous athlete at this stage said that he looked like a broken old man with his long white beard and was practically blind and dumb.

Kusocinski died later and his name has been added to the long list of martyred Polish patriots.

Throughout the ordeal Kusocinski refused to utter one word of value to the enemy.

### Water-Polo

## Navy "A" Beaten 6-0 By Middlesex "A"

Six games in the water-polo tournament were held yesterday, the biggest upset being Navy's defeat by Middlesex A 6-0.

Navy A were very closely marked by Middlesex A at the Y.M.C.A. and consequently their forwards were unable to manoeuvre for goals. Middlesex forwards made the most of their opportunities in the deep-end and their faster breakaways paved the way for goals. Bindon (3), Hymas (2) and Jennings scored.

### An Upset

The 5th A.A. Regiment caused an upset when they beat 8th Coastal Regiment 4-0 in the Army pool, Yabsley (2), Clarke and Wilson netting.

### Win For "Z"

Scots were unfortunate to be without H. A. W. Miller and Slater, who are on the sick list, when they met Y.M.C.A. The Civilians won 4-1, A. F. May (2), Goldman and Bean scoring for the winners. Morris, a newcomer to the Scots who shows signs of promise, netting when Goldman was out of the water.

### Signals Too Good

Signals proved much too good for Navy B who were without H. G. Thompson and were swamped 10-0. Dignam (5), Bedford (2), Hunt, Allen and McCann were the scorers.

### Small Units Superior

Small Units proved much superior to Navy C who were beaten 6-2. MacDonald (2), Nicholas, Knightley and Thorley scored for the Small Units and Doherty and Wilson replied.

### Misc "B" Win 3-0

Middlesex B beat Scots B 3-0, Lomax, Radley and Peacock being the scorers.

## German Tennis Star Killed

BERLIN, June 10 (UP).—Helmuth Landmann, former German tennis champion, has been killed in action while serving as an officer. It was officially announced to-day. Details of his death were not divulged.

During his best years, Landmann scored victories over such internationalists as Vincent Richards of the United States, Bunny Austin of Britain, and Jack Crawford of Australia.

## Clapton Orient Suspended

Clapton Orient F.C. has been suspended by the Football Association.

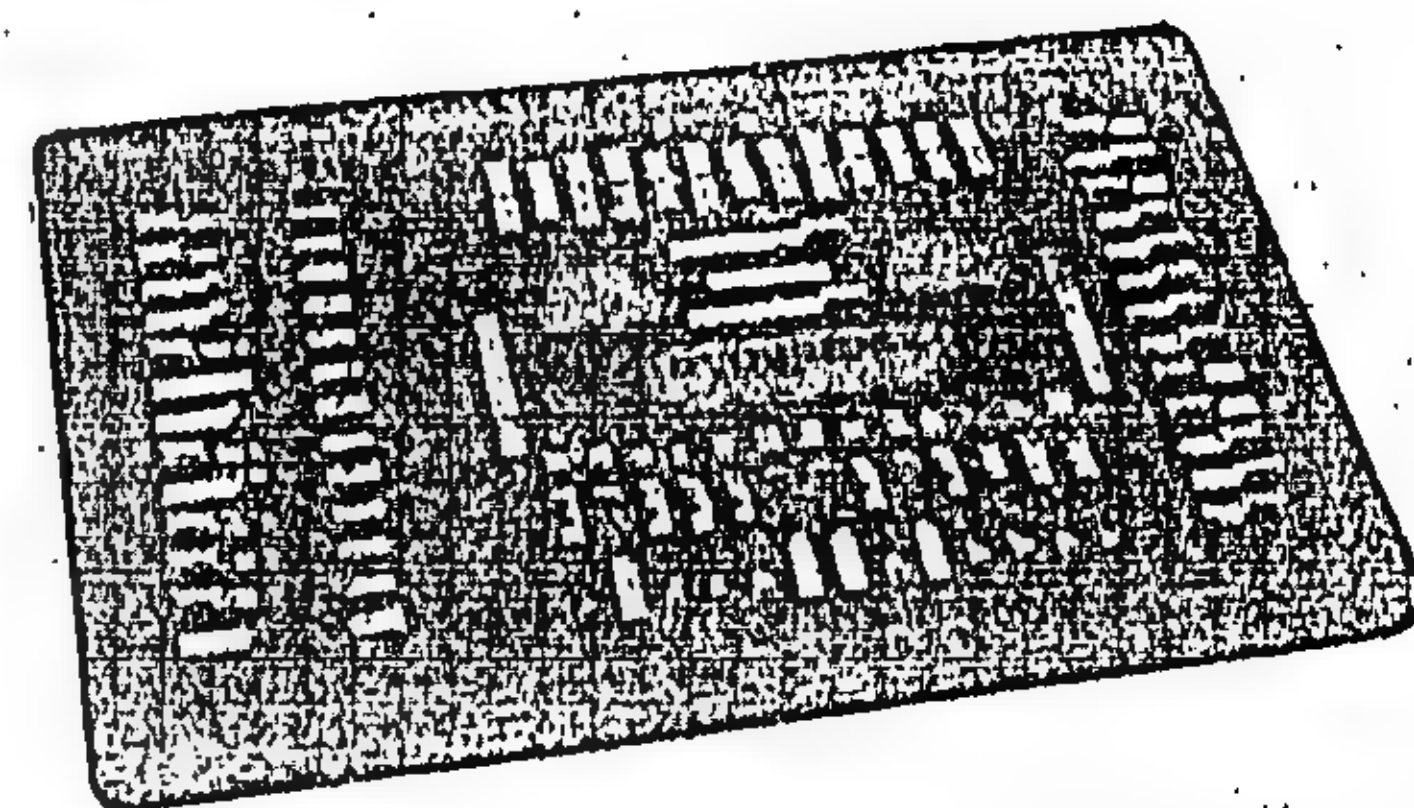
This follows complaints by players and others against the club in respect of monies alleged to be due and of which the directors were invited but failed to offer an explanation within seven days.

According to W. Wright, the secretary-manager, the sums due are under £100 and some of the debts are old ones.

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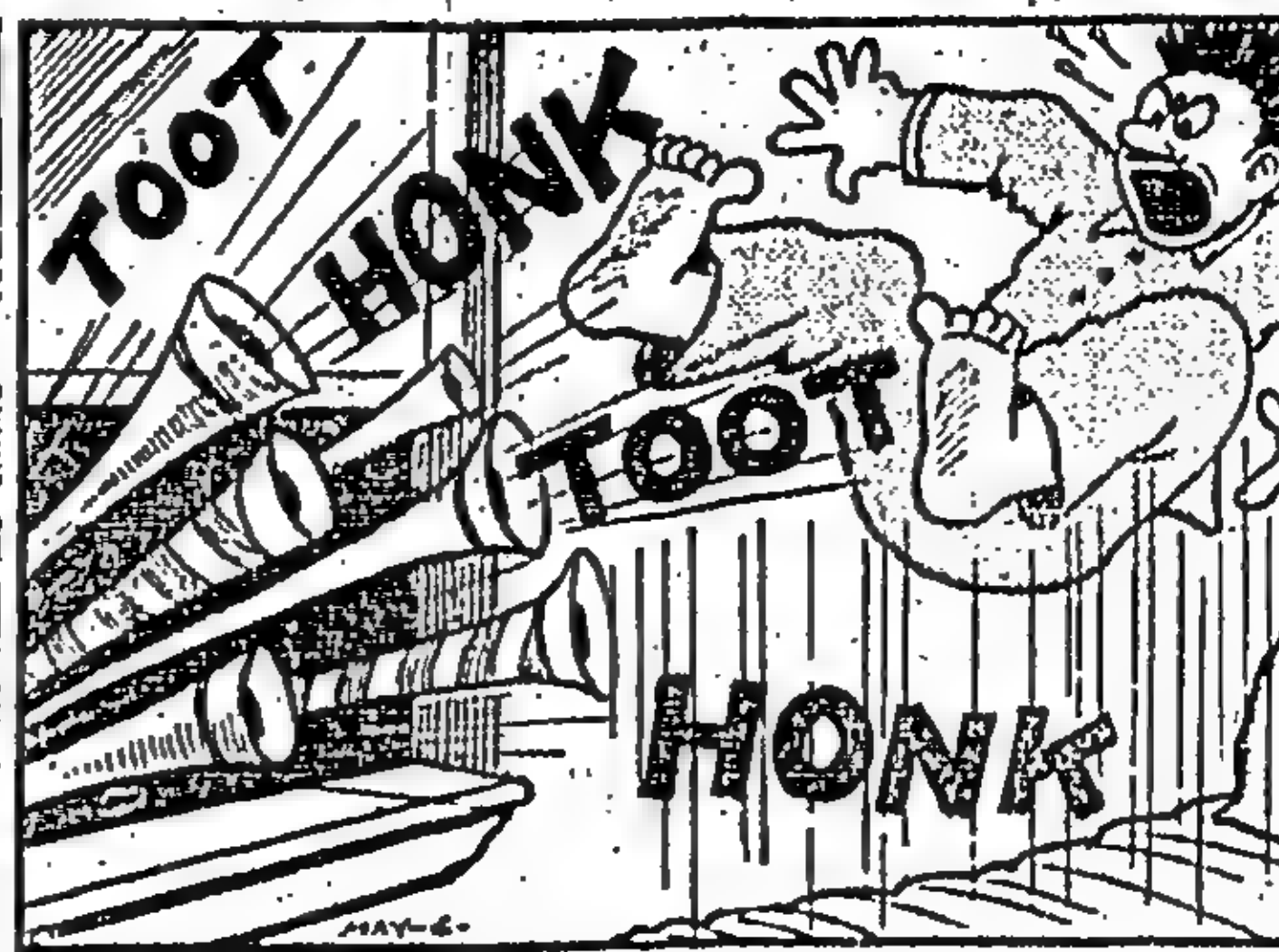
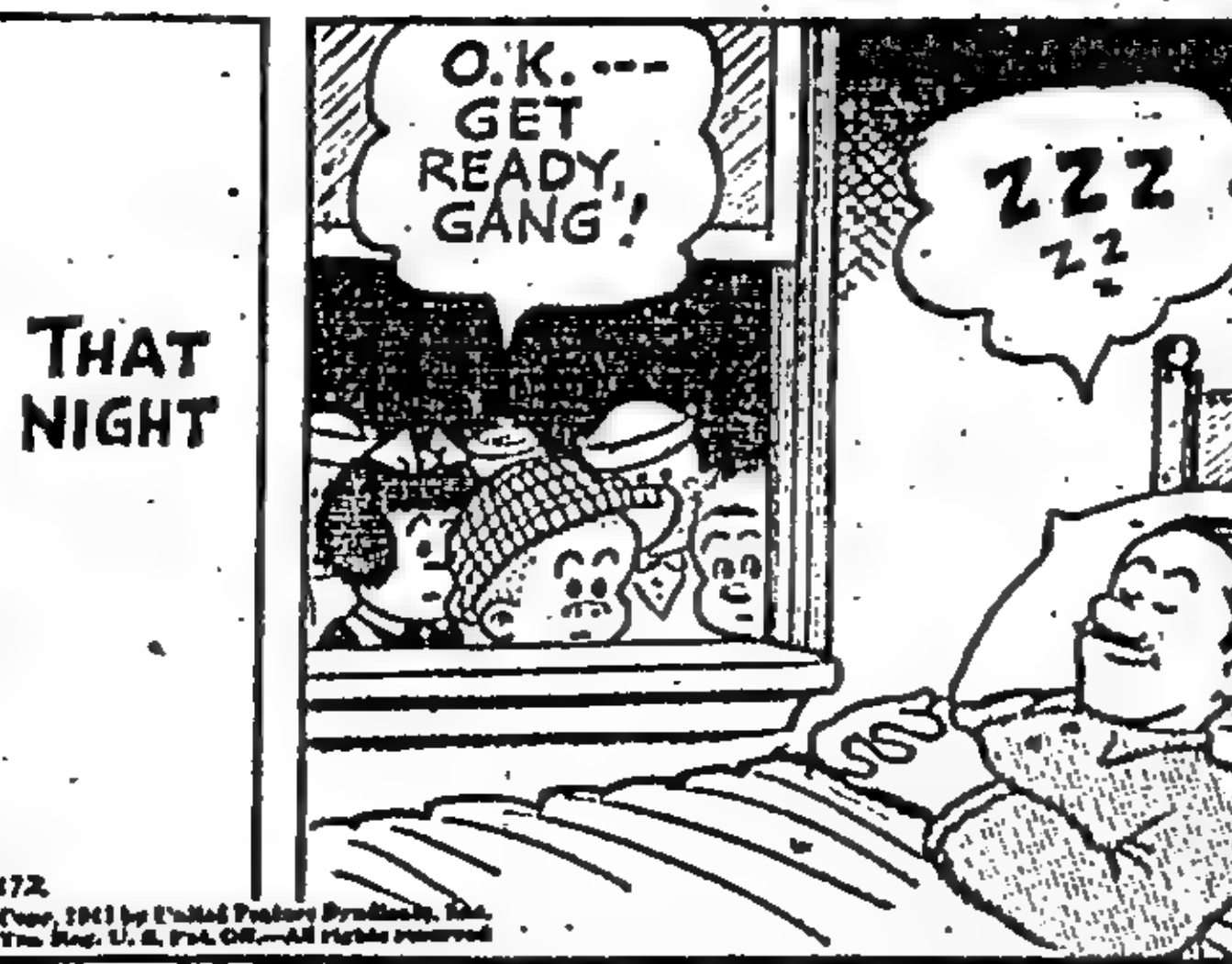
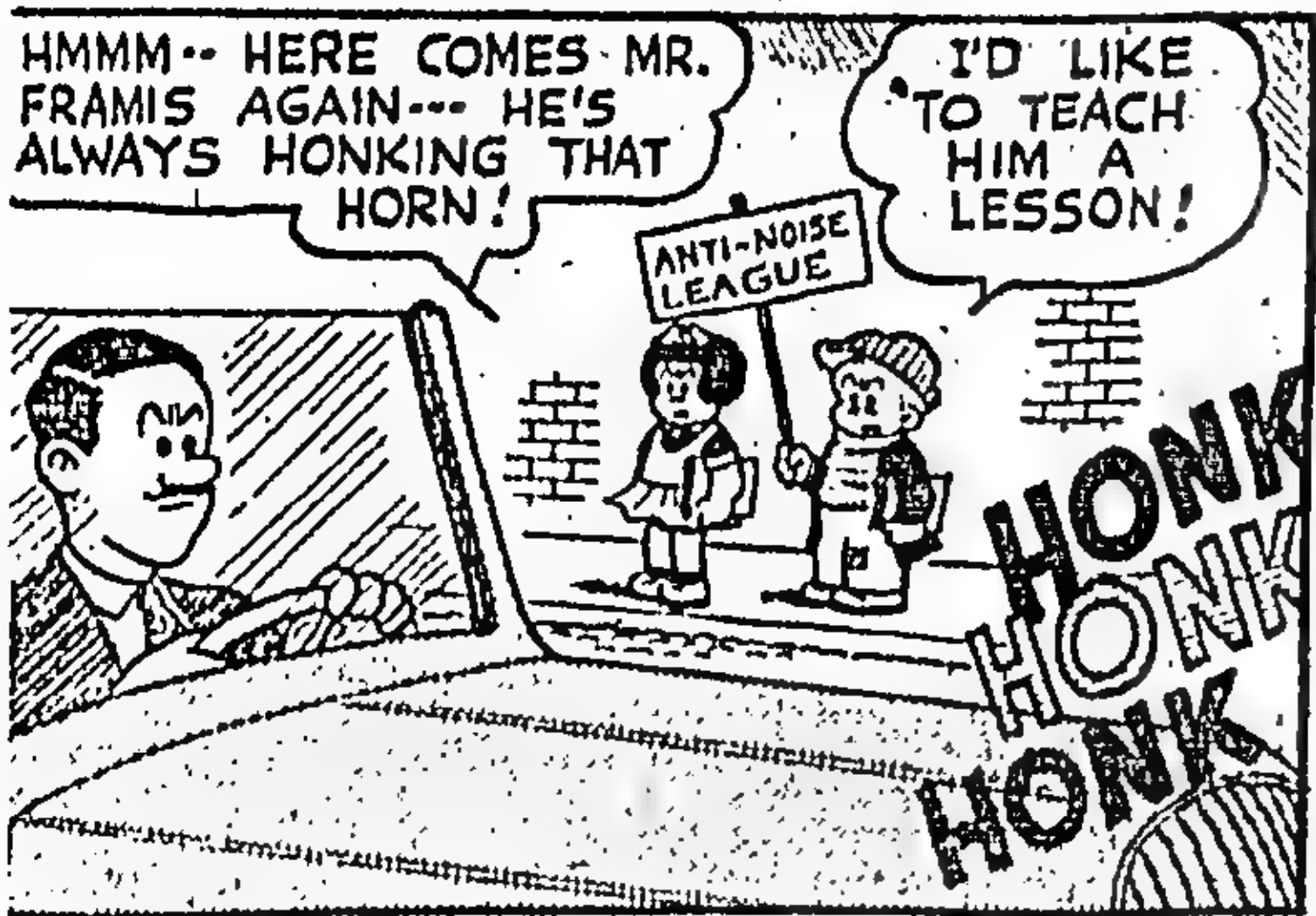
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## Dorothy Thompson's 10 Points For Democracy

Dorothy Thompson, the columnist, spoke up for an expanded form of democracy recently in a speech at a New York banquet honouring her "great services to democracy." The famous woman commentator declared it was not sufficient to fight for the American way of life because that way was not yet good enough.

Before an audience that included Governor Lehman, Mayor LaGuardia and Wendell Willkie, Miss Thompson declared that democracy was the right form of government but that the people had no idea what it meant. Democracy fails to function, she said, because it "remains a concept and it's not expressed."

"If one set of people are told to fight for this way of life," she continued, "and another are told to conquer the world, the latter will win."

In her address Miss Thompson called for a revolution based upon "the individual person and based upon his desire to improve himself."

To accelerate this goal, she named her ten favourite points for self-development: Love, communal rights, equality, freedom, state ownership of wealth, co-operative action, non-materialism, social and moral purpose, and the equalisation of creative functions.

These items, she said, were the main points of her own "personal and social faith" summing up "eighteen years of gradual, slow, dawning experience, plus the torrential entrance of the experience of the last two years."

Standing lonely on a dais in the crowded grand ballroom, Miss Thompson elaborated her theories of the better life.

**Slaves to Machines**

Miss Thompson said that men who are reduced to slavery by the machine age can hardly hope to realise their dream of democracy. The basic essential of the new form of democracy must be that the personal life and social programme be identical.

Miss Thompson distributed copies of her ten articles of faith and asked her hearers to sign and return them. She promised to send them back a special ring made up of three rings locked together with a fourth "symbolising the loyal hope that this nation may be defended by the clasped hands of millions of brothers."

## Wild Boar Takes A Night Out

A large and ferocious Indian wild boar was hunted in the heart of London recently.

It had escaped from its enclosure in the Zoo during the night.

When keepers arrived in the morning they discovered the big animal in the middle of a big lawn. It awoke immediately, and a pig-sticking party of keepers and A.F.S. men was organised.

Many exciting moments followed. One was when the boar began to charge a lorry, but thought better of it, and swerved at the last moment. After an hour's run the boar was driven into a narrow lane between wire fences. Two biscuits were thrown into the entrance of his cage, and in he walked.

The pig has been particularly bad-tempered since his wife died four months before, said his keeper.

## Madagascar Ports Mined By French

New York.—A Navy Department warning on May 6 that France had mined the approach and coastal areas of three of the largest ports in Madagascar led marine observers to believe that France feared an invasion of the strategic Indian Ocean island.

Madagascar assumed added importance when closing of the Mediterranean shifted trade routes around Africa and through the Indian Ocean. American ships scheduled to carry supplies along the recently reopened Red-Sea route to Egypt must pass through Mozambique Channel, separating East Africa from Madagascar.

Observers say British control of the Channel is necessary to protect these ships.

## Japan Has Backed Wrong Horse, Says Ex-Envoy

Japan made the same mistake as Italy when she joined the Axis—she thought Britain and the Empire were "down and out," Sir Robert Clive, former British ambassador to Japan, told Vancouver Board of Trade transportation bureau recently.

"Japan may now feel she has backed the wrong horse," the tall, grey-haired diplomat said. "It is significant she is now putting out 'feelers' with a view to stopping the war with China."

A large and enthusiastic audience of civic officials and prominent business men listened enthralled, and applauded frequently as Sir Robert presented his view of Japanese expansion and Anglo-Japanese relations in an address given under auspices of the Overseas League.

He declared Japan joined the Axis because, while Britain stood in the way of her economic expansion more than any other country, Germany did not.

"When Japanese trade began to develop after the Great War, she suddenly realized that Great Britain was in possession of places that were vital to her expansion needs."

"It was not a case of individual dislike because, as it happens, the British people and individuals have always got on well with the Japanese."

**Developed Trade**

At one time, Sir Robert said, the idea prevailed that Japan was a military and not a commercial race. Since then, by her vast development of the cotton industry, Japan had proved her capacity for developing trade on a big scale.

Japan was involved in the last war to such a small extent that immediately after hostilities ceased she was in a position to "forge ahead."

"After the war the Japanese got away to a flying start by sending arms to Russia, and from 1920 to 1930 developed an enormous trade in cotton goods, particularly in the Far East, during the slump in Lancashire."

**Push Out White Man**

Sir Robert showed how Japan had followed a colonial policy of "pushing out the white man's trade."

This is directly contrary to the British policy of encouraging free trade in all her colonies. Hongkong and Singapore are fitting examples of this policy.

"In 1924 the Japanese made a claim which practically amounted to suzerainty over China. This was tested when Sir Frederick Leith Ross, a high treasury official, came out with the idea of somehow stabilizing the Chinese exchange."

"The Japanese, by encouraging Korean gangsters to smuggle goods into North China under protection of the military, did their best to break down the Chinese customs service."

**Britons Handicapped**

"Goods were poured into Tientsin, which paid no customs duties at all, with the result that the English traders who paid their duties were completely handicapped."

When France collapsed in 1940, Sir Robert continued, Japan saw a marvellous opportunity for expansion in Indo-China by signing a pact with the Axis. After that she hoped to gain economic control in the Dutch East Indies.

"This was all part of the so-called 'New Order,' Sir Robert said. "In Japan during 1938 and 1937 they were always seizing on incidents to make trouble between different parts of the Empire. They also sent a goodwill mission to Australia, and later tried to force Australia to lower wool prices by boycotting sales and threatening to buy her wool from South Africa."

"Again in an effort to make a commercial treaty with India favourable to themselves, the Japanese began boycotting India goods."

"This was partly a political move aimed at causing friction in different parts of the Empire."

"The unanimity of Empire countries in the present war effort shows that her policy in this respect has failed," Sir Robert declared.

## 100 Miles To Pay 2s 6d

An Army officer who gave his name as Lt. Harrington travelled more than 100 miles from the South of England to Kettering recently to repay a loan of 2s. 6d. on behalf of a dead soldier.

The soldier, a member of a bomb disposal squad, lost his life as a result of his duty. His dying wish was that the money be given to a member of the Kettering branch of the R.F.C. from whom he borrowed it a year ago to get to Northampton.

## Shortage Of Meat In Sweden

But Fish Is Still Plentiful

NEW YORK.—Meat including pork has been placed on Sweden's ration list along with butter, fats, coal, hides, copper and copper alloys, according to information recently published by the American Swedish News Exchange here.

The weekly allowance has been set at half a kilogram, or a little more than a pound, of meat for each person weekly. Fish, it was pointed out, is still plentiful.

A further measure by the Government to control rising prices was also forecast by Government circles recently. Retail prices, according to official figures, have reached a point 30 per cent. higher than in August, 1939.

**Loan To Finland**

At the same time Sweden has agreed to send 20,000 tons of bread grains as a loan to Finland. Wheat, flour, butter, eggs, pork, seed oats, and other products will be sent to Finland under the terms of a new trade agreement between the two countries.

A gift of 400 tons of sugar will also be distributed in Finland and Norway.

Meanwhile a new industry has grown up in Sweden, around the substitution of charcoal for gasoline in motor vehicles.

**Wood For Engines**

At present it is estimated that 50,000 motor vehicles have been converted to the use of wood-burning engines. At a recent industrial exhibition it was pointed out that production of 10,000 of these burners would require 50,000 days of work. At least 10,000 drivers are kept busy as well as repair mechanics. In one year, Swedish industrialists figure, 10,000 vehicles consume about 3,000,000 bushels of charcoal or finely cut wood which require 1,000,000 days of work for chopping and charring. Distribution requires at least 15,000,000 special paper bags, and this keeps several pulp and paper mills busy.

**Same Songs**

The songs are the same as those which appear in the recently published Army Song Book, but that includes notes as well as music and cannot be pocketed easily. It was distributed on the basis of one book to 50 men.

But for a soldier who can remember a tune the new little book will supply the words anywhere, and every man is getting one.

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In the book are "Dixie," "Casey Jones," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Old Joe Clark" and "The Old Gray Mare," and there are any number of sentimental ditties of the variety of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

## Canine Volunteers Sought In Britain

LONDON, May 5.—A call for dog volunteers for a new Canine Corps went out from the British War Office to-day.

Owners were told that enlistment must be for the duration. Alpacas, Collies, Labradors, and Golden Retrievers are the breeds most sought.

Selections will be made on the basis of intelligence and natural ability. They will be trained at the War Dog School at Aldershot.

## New Record 'Thin' In Thin Plate Glass

BUTLER, Pa.—Development of what is described as the thinnest plate glass in existence is reported by the Franklin Glass Corporation at Kenfrew, Pa.

A. S. Pasquell, General Manager, said the new product was three sixty-fourths of an inch thick, or about half the thickness of the thinnest plate glass previously produced.

The new material, already in production experimentally, will be used in sun glasses, civilian gas masks, and airplane windows.

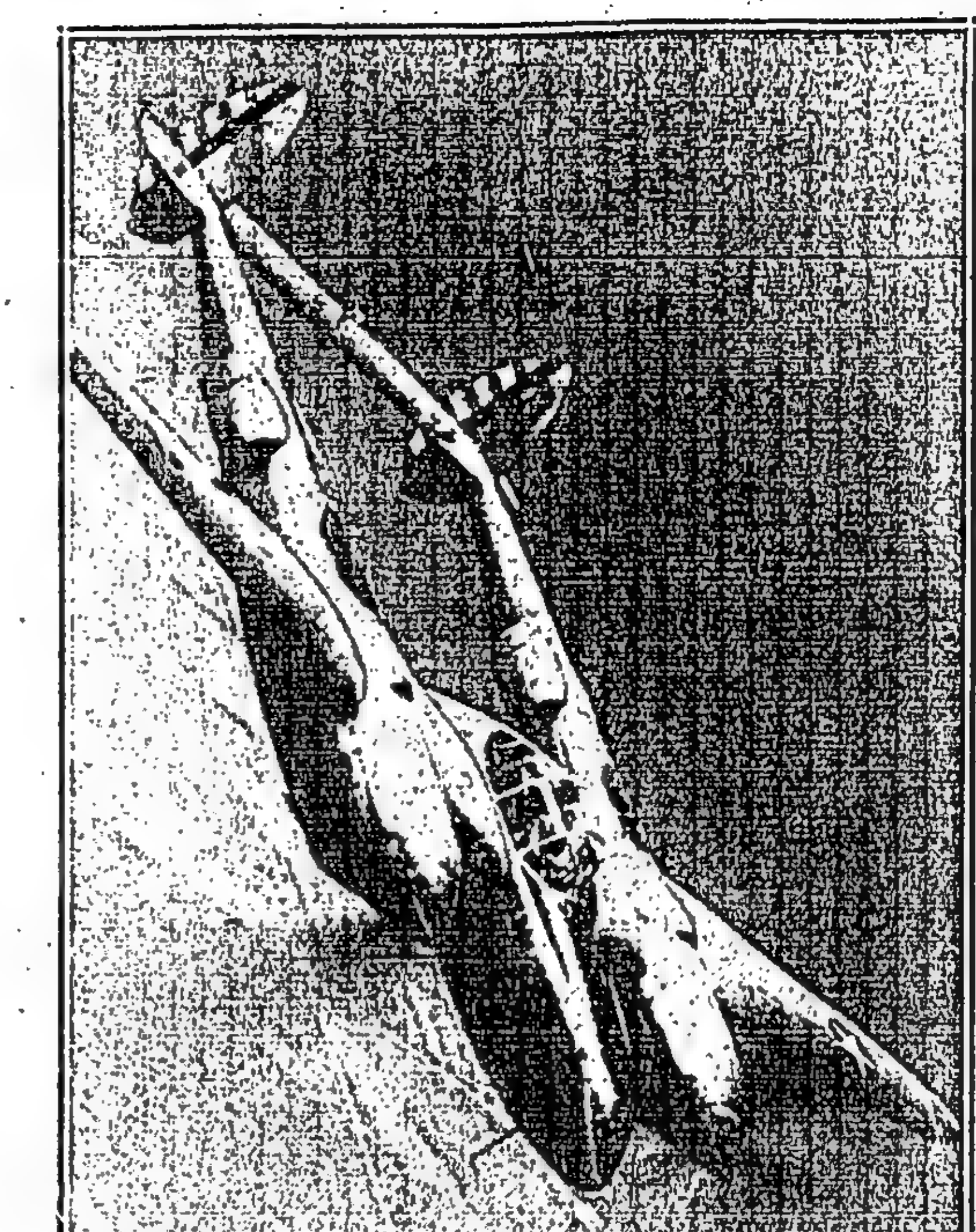
## Lord Kimberley Killed In Raid

On London Visit

The Earl of Kimberley, who as Lord Wodehouse was an All-England polo player of exceptional brilliance, was killed during a recent raid on London. He was 57.

He was chairman of the Bath Club, which was badly damaged by fire a few weeks ago, and had travelled to London from Norfolk to attend a meeting of the directors to discuss the future of the club.

Since he succeeded to the title in 1932 Lord Kimberley had not been much in the public eye. He was formerly a member of Mr. Buckmaster's famous polo team of Old Contabls and played for England against the United States. From 1900-1910 he was Liberal M.P. for the old Mid-Norfolk Division.



**POWER DIVE**—Dramatic picture shows the P-38 interceptor-pursuit ship, "Lockheed Lightning," in a power dive earthward, at Burbank, Cal. Experts say it is the world's fastest aeroplane. It is the first of thousands on order for U.S. and British air forces.

## SOLDIERS NEED ONLY MUSIC

They Have Words

WASHINGTON.—America's soldiers are now getting the words; all they have to do now is supply the music.

The words are printed in a compact little book of which more than 1,500,000 copies were ordered by the War Department, so that every officer and man could have one to carry in his pocket—the aim being to provide the rankings for close harmony on all occasions.

There are 66 songs in the book which starts off with "The Star Spangled Banner," jumps alphabetically backwards to "Alma Mater" and then progresses through the ABC's down to Y—"You're in the Army Now."

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## Britain's Powerful New Bomb

British accounts of the bombing of the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau have disclosed the use of a new "armour piercing weapon, first successful penetration bomb of the war."

Military experts believe, however, that the British have devised a heavier-bodied bomb which is capable of penetrating at least five inches of armour plate. It is understood to use a new steel alloy, and the British themselves have reported it as using a new and more intensive explosive.

The bomb is designed to reach its maximum velocity after a drop of 2,000 feet which permits dive bombing from comparatively accurate heights. Added details are still awaited, however, in view of the British reports of successes with the new bomb against the German battleships at Brest, which are protected with a deck armour of six inches.

## Hongkong Attitude To Japanese

"Neither the British nor the Chinese in Hongkong are as anti-Japanese as in pre-war days," according to the Japanese Consul-General in Hongkong interviewed by the "Asahi Shimbun" on his arrival in Tokyo.

He attributed this remarkable change of attitude to the strict control of the British authorities.

He said that the National Defence Act of Britain has been thoroughly driven home to the people of Hongkong, adding "It is admirable how Britain can drive home regulations to the corners of its colonies."

## Anti-Spy Campaign In Japan

Public Being Made More Conscious

Dent upon making the public, even school children, more spy-conscious, Japanese officials have entered upon high-pressure observance of an Empire-wide Spy Prevention Week.

"The people are urged to refrain from comment on what their common sense considers should not be known by foreigners," said an official of the Ministry of Justice.

To stimulate anti-spy thought posters of many types were pasted up throughout the country, post offices used special anti-espionage slogans on their cancellation stamps, the Education Ministry began instructing students in schools on how to become spy conscious, and various radio programs warned the people of the danger of spies.

The Government publication, the Weekly Graphic, will be devoted entirely to the campaign with 100,000 extra copies being distributed.

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## American Film Banned

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina.—The United States movie "Argentine Nights" was banned by municipal authorities after violent opening-night demonstrations against scenes purporting to show Argentine types and customs.

Police had to enter the theatre, one of the biggest in Buenos Aires, to quell the outbreak.

"As long as Hollywood insists on seeing Argentina as an incredibly ridiculous tropical country," said "La Nacion's" movie editor, "no Pan-American understanding is possible, no matter how many 'goodwill' travellers are sent here."

## Million Go To Safer Homes

The Minister of Health, Mr. Ernest Brown, told members of the National Baby Welfare Council at their annual meeting in London recently that 1,000,000 people, mothers and children had been moved from danger areas into homes in safer districts.

Some 78 per cent. of the children under five in the County of London had been evacuated, and the Ministry intended to do its utmost in the months ahead to get away the other 20 per cent.

Mr. Brown appealed for trained children's nurses for nursery schools and day nurseries, and for the right kind of women to undertake child-minding under the Ministry of Labour schemes for employing married women.

## Everyone's Happy—So Why Change?

GLENSPOOL, Okla.—Glenspool, with a reputation for economy, hasn't had any election for 12 years.

"Everyone seems happy; so why should the officials file for re-election every year?" asks Mayor Floyd Vowell.

He says a City election would cost \$75 and unbalance the budget. An election hasn't been held since 1920, when Vowell was elected.

The town has a population of 384 and the City payroll is \$10. The City Treasurer is paid \$10 and the town clerk \$5. The Mayor serves without pay, as do the Councilmen and Police Chief.

## Matches, Beer And Razor Blades

Ninety out of every 100 soldiers have no complaints against NAAFI, said Mr. L. C. Royle, the newly appointed chairman of the board of management. The other ten grumble about the lack of matches.

He has spent six weeks listening to complaints in the canteens. One of the chief problems, he said, was razor blades. They couldn't get enough of them.

About the complaint that canteen beer was not up to standard, he said that supplies were drawn from local breweries. The chief difficulty was storage.







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## FRENCH WARSHIPS ATTACKED

20,000-Ton Italian  
Liner Torpedoed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, June 24 (UP).—An Admiralty communique states that the British fleet and air arm operating off the coast of Syria shelled and torpedoed at least three Vichy destroyers yesterday morning.

**Italian Line Sunk**  
The Admiralty claimed that submarines, operating in the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, torpedoed a 20,000-ton Italian liner and sunk an enemy supply ship.

**R. N. Activity**  
LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique states, "Units TURN to Back Page, Column 3"

## BRITAIN'S WAR BILL

**£10,250,000 Per Day**  
LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Notwithstanding the generous supplies received from America under the Lease and Lend enactment, Britain is still spending £10,250,000 daily on the war and her national expenditure under all heads is at the rate of £4,400,000,000 per year.

The House of Commons to-day, without division, voted £1,000,000,000 credit for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Ministry of Supply.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood declared that compared with February when the last £1,000,000,000 was voted, there had been a further increase in the rate of expenditure on the war.

**Investors' Contributions**  
Britain's foreign expenditure had naturally fallen but domestic expenditure had increased correspondingly. Investors were contributing nearly £40,000,000 a week.

A further effort in this direction was still possible and a new drive is to be launched to expand throughout the country the network of savings groups and increase the rate of individual savings.

It is felt that Japan will take no definite position until the test of Nazi versus Red strength becomes decisive.

# RUSSIANS ADOPT OFFENSIVE AGAINST NAZI SPEARHEADS

## Rumanians Given Task Of Capturing Odessa

Special to the "Telegraph"

ANKARA, June 24 (UP).—THE RUSSIANS ARE NOT MERELY DEFENDING. THEY ARE ATTACKING AND HAVE ADOPTED THE OFFENSIVE ON ALL FRONTS. THIS IS ADMITTED HERE BY MILITARY QUARTERS CLOSE TO THE AXIS, WHO DECLARED THAT FAR FROM EMPLOYING WITHDRAWAL TACTICS SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH DEFEATED NAPOLEON, THE RUSSIANS ARE USING TACTICS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE GERMANS.

Two main German spearheads are now driving on Kiev from bases at Lublin and Dorohoi, southeast of Cernauti in northern Rumania. Within the triangle formed by Cernauti, Lublin and Kiev, south of the Pripiet Marshes, the Germans hope to surround and capture 35 Russian divisions which are known to be concentrated there. Another German spearhead is known to be based at Warsaw, directed on Moscow through Grodno and Minsk.

All three spearheads are operating along the main rail lines although the Germans will not be able to use their own rolling stock in Russia in view of the different track gauge.

The task assigned to the Rumanians with German support is to capture Odessa. The Finns with German support will push against Leningrad, although there will probably be some delay along this front since the Finns still deny that Finland is at war.

## GERMAN TROOPS IN KAUNAS

Lithuanian Independence

Special to the "Telegraph"

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—Lithuanian quarters report that the Kaunas radio at 1.30 p.m. to-day, broadcast a speech made by a German officer in the German language stating that German troops were then entering Kaunas.

## MOSCOW TESTS ITS DEFENCES

First Air Alert

MOSCOW, June 24 (Reuter).—The city's first air raid alert lasted from 3 a.m. to 4.25 a.m. but it was later officially announced that in spite of heavy and light anti-aircraft barrage and the sound of shell bursts, this was just "realism" and that the whole affair was a test of A.R.P. precautions.

The population went quickly to the shelters while wardens and other defence personnel went to their stations and posts, and lorries distributed fire-fighting material.

At this period of the year, the Moscow sky is dark for only a very short time and the sky was already clear when "raiders" flew over and the sky was dotted with red and black bursts as the ground defences went into action. Observers noted the effect of the test.

The Russo-Nazi clash technically brought the war almost within cannon shot of the western hemisphere—less than 30 miles from the tip of Alaska to the tip of Siberia, but for all practical purposes the war scarcely touches that part of the Soviet Union.

If Japan moved against Russia, it is presumed she would strike at Vladivostok.

The officer expressed his appreciation that the Lithuanian troops were able to gain control of the two important bridges over the Memel and Viliya Rivers leading to Kaunas before the Russians could destroy them.

**Free and Independent**  
BERLIN, June 24 (UP).—Lithuanian circles report that the Kaunas radio in its noon broadcast proclaimed firstly that Lithuania was a free and independent State, and secondly that Lithuania adheres to the principles of a new order in Europe.

"They stated that the radio gave the names of the new Government which is headed by the former Lithuanian Minister to Berlin, General Kazys Skirpa who is now in Berlin.

It also announced that German bombers in "wave after wave" had bombed the city of Kaunas.

**Tallin in Flames**  
STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—The entire city of Tallin, capital of Estonia, is aflame apparently due to German air bombings, according to a press message received from Helsinki.

## LATEST

### Counter-Attacks By Soviets

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, June 25 (UP).—Radio Moscow announces Russian counter-attacks in the direction of Kaunas, where enemy tanks were routed and whole motorised regiments destroyed.

"Enemy attacks in the direction of Siauliai were repulsed with heavy losses." It was stated that a battle is proceeding for Grodno, Kaunas, and Vilna. The Russians counter-attacked in the direction of Brodsk. Constanta and Sulina were three times bombed. Danzig, Konigsberg, Lublin and Warsaw, in German-occupied Poland, were three times raided with heavy destruction caused to military objectives, oil depots at Warsaw being left burning.

**German Communique**  
LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—The official German news agency reported to-night, "To-day there is nothing to indicate a systematic offensive movement by Soviet troops. The Germans have taken the initiative."

This statement followed a survey on the first two days of the campaign, from which, declared the news agency, the following points emerged:

The German forces were advancing according to plan. Soviet troops were resisting desperately in some sectors. The Luftwaffe has shown its superiority.

The striking power, equipment and experience of the German forces have been "well tested" in battle and "the next few days will show what defence the Soviet troops can put up" against the German might.

**Shock Troops**  
The news agency's review began by referring to "a breach in the Russian frontier positions" achieved by German shock troops, supported by engineers, artillery and armoured divisions despite "stubborn resistance."

Speaking of the High Command's "great reserve" regarding the progress of land operations, the news agency dismisses the Soviet High Command's reports of counter-attacks on "isolated parts of the front" as following "the notorious example of the Poles" and promises that the next few days will show "who is right."

**Luftwaffe**  
Despite the great distances to be covered, the Luftwaffe is scoring successes in all fronts and has "destroyed a great number of enemy aircraft, inflicted substantial injury to ground troops and destroyed transports of all kinds and communications in the zone of operations."

The German Navy has made daring attacks in the Baltic and the Black Seas in support of the German flanks.

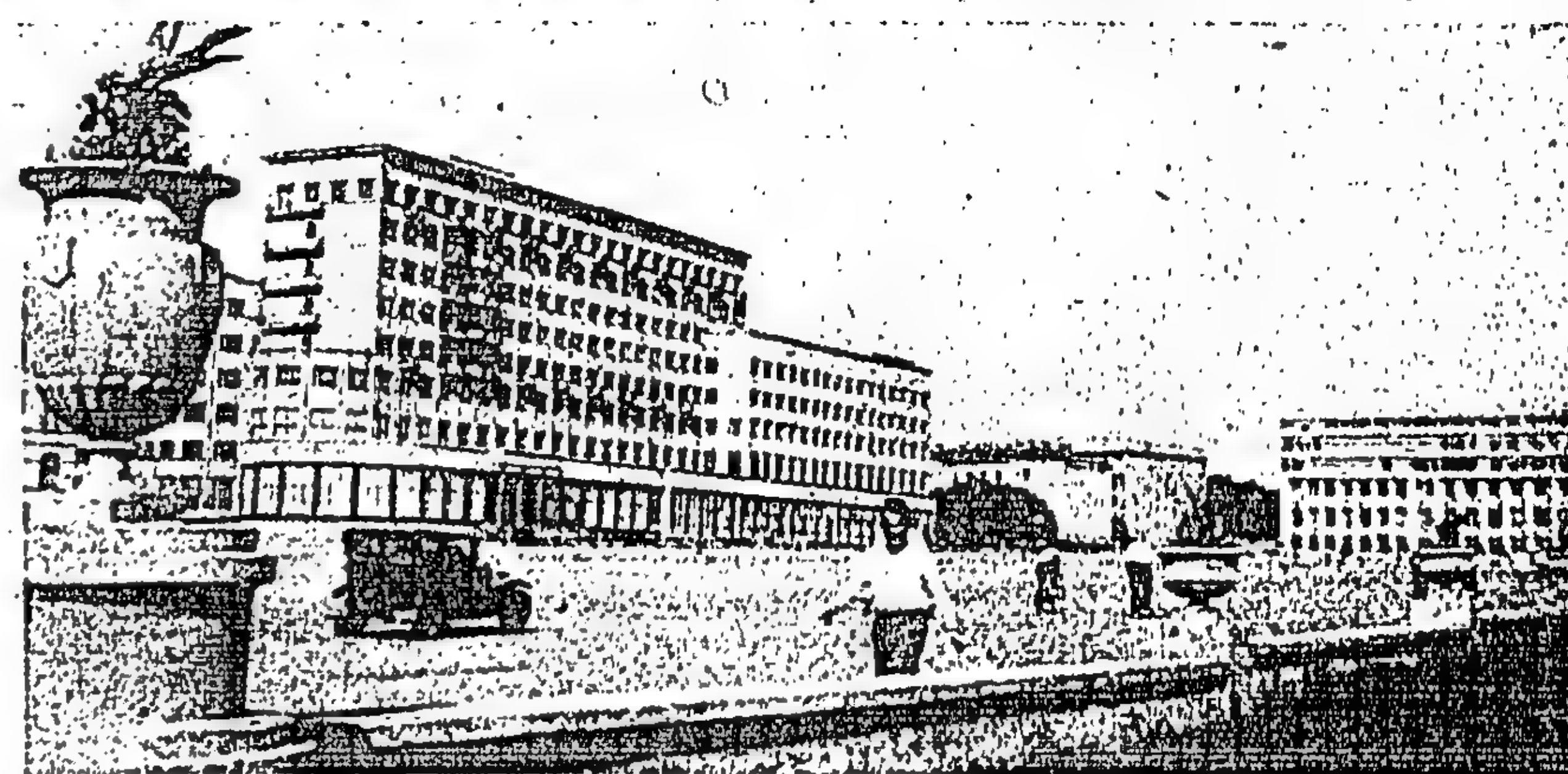
The news agency reports an "unusual case" of a Nazi U-boat sinking a Soviet submarine.

Besides mining the Baltic, the German Navy is mining the seas close to the Soviet naval bases which had led "to the enemy losses."

**Berlin Claims**  
BERLIN, June 24 (UP).—The official news agency reports that German and Rumanian troops after severe fighting broke the tough resistance of a Red force which suffered heavy losses. No further details were given.

A formation of Red bombers, attempting to fly in over East Prussia yesterday, was destroyed when German fighters after a brief battle shot down 20 enemy bombers. The report states that a number of Red pilots bailed out and were taken prisoner. It is claimed that the German fighters suffered no losses.

The Luftwaffe yesterday on a comparatively narrow section of the eastern front destroyed 100 enemy tanks immediately following the German troops.



## Vichy Admits New Allied Successes in Syria

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, June 24 (UP).—An official dispatch from Beirut states that Palmyra has been wholly encircled and that a siege has begun. The British fleet resumed the shelling of Damour, south of Beirut.

## R.A.F. Continues Channel Raids

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—The unchallenged Royal Air Force carried out their first big offensive sweep of the day early this evening over northern France.

People in south coast towns heard the roar of bombers flying out to sea and violent explosions from beyond the curtain of haze in mid channel. The explosions, lasted for nearly half an hour.

While the attack was in progress strong forces of British fighters swept up and down the Channel on the look-out for German fighters but none appeared to approach the English Channel.

### Nazis Feel Blows

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—There is no doubt that the Germans are undertaking a large-scale evacuation of German civilians and administration officials to Norway to seek rest from the relentless British bombing of Hamburg, Bremen, Kiel and other north German towns, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

In the last few days, the Germans have requisitioned thousands of flats and houses in Oslo and the surrounding districts, and also in Trondheim and some towns and villages in inland parts of the west coast.

## LATVIAN REVOLT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—A dispatch from Berlin to the "Afton Bladet" states that 60,000 Latvians, who are supplied with a week's munitions are now revolting against the Soviets. It is added that the Latvians have succeeded in building up a regular army and have blown up bridges and important roads.

Radio Kaunas announced that General Pundzevicius, former Chief of the General Staff has been appointed Commander of the anti-Soviet troops. General Rokkalis has been appointed Chief of Staff and Colonel Bobelis has been appointed Military Commander of Kaunas.

## HITLER ON WAY TO POLAND

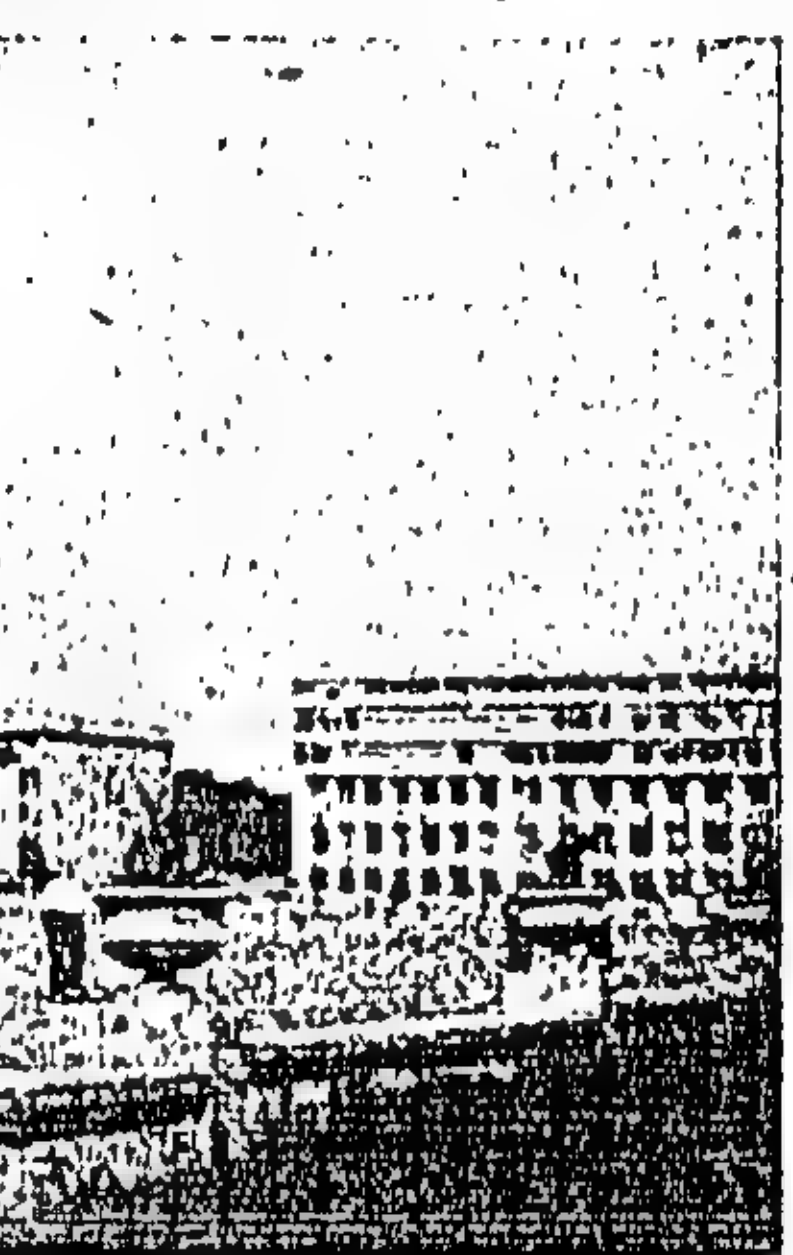
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—The "Afton Bladet" without disclosing the sources of the report, stated to-day that Hitler left Germany yesterday in order to establish headquarters somewhere in Poland.

A specially armoured railway train was reported to be moving eastward immediately following the German troops.

## Another Soviet Key City

Amongst the Soviet Ukraine key cities is Kharkov, created since the revolution, which is the tractor-building centre of the Ukraine. Capture of this place is among the more important German military objectives.



## Watch On Entrants To U.S.A.

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuter).—The establishment of a new immigration policy was announced by the State Department to-day.

All immigration visas will be centralised in Washington with emphasis on the suitability of immigrants to the national defence programme.

Under the new procedure which comes into effect on July 1, visa applications will come before Inter-Departmental Committees which, it is understood, will comprise representatives of the State, War, Navy and Justice Departments instead of visas being granted by immigration officials on the spot.

It is announced that the new procedure is the result of "the cleared emergency and necessity from the standpoint of national defence for careful supervision over the entry of aliens to the United States."

**Force Way Through**  
De Gaulle, Hindu and New Zealand brigades forced their way out of Damascus at dawn this morning and met instant resistance from the French troops in the Barada Gorges, west of Damascus. French artillery tried to hold the bottleneck gorge but British tanks forced a passage and motorised infantry followed.

The road follows the railroad up and over the Antilebanon mountains into the Mekka plains and then up and over the Lebanon mountains which rise to 4,500 feet. The distance from Damascus to Beirut is only 60 miles but every foot of the road is difficult for motorised units.

Two columns are cutting parallel routes northwest towards Rayak, one of the greatest French military air bases.

**Australians Advance**  
CAIRO, June 24 (Reuter).—Australian troops have made a further important advance in the coastal sector of the front, states a G.H.Q. communique.

The communique adds that artillery is already in action against Vichy positions at Damour. Yesterday, British troops occupied Quedana and Gaggana, southwest of Damascus, and are now advancing towards the Damascus-Beirut road.

Free French and Indian troops have successfully attacked and occupied high ground north of Parze. In the Merj Ayoun area, our troops made further local gains and fighting is proceeding.

## Soviet Split Precedes War With Germany

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, June 24 (UP).—A serious split among Stalin's subalterns has been reported in diplomatic circles and was also published in the "Journal de Geneve." It is reported to have occurred over Russia's attitude towards Germany before the start of operations.

Two factions, the militarists led by General Timoshenko and supported by Generals Kapanovitch, Mikolain and Kallianin, and a group headed by M. Molotov and the Communist party administrator Malenkov, commonly called the "Brest Litovsk War Group," were opposed.

The latter favoured seeking diplomatic negotiations to ascertain Germany's real intentions while the Timoshenko group wanted to match the Ger-

man mobilisation along the frontiers by mobilising two divisions for every German division there.

The Journal states that the first clash between the two groups occurred on May 12 at a meeting of the Supreme Military Council presided over by General Timoshenko, in the presence of Stalin and other members of the political bureau. Stalin promised by instructing the military officials to do everything necessary to be fully prepared and at the same time supported Molotov by urging diplomatic efforts to get fuller information regarding Germany's intentions.







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## KENYA MURDER TRIAL EVIDENCE

NAIROBI, June 24 (Reuter).—The question whether bullets found by the Police at the farm where Sir Delves Broughton practised with a revolver and the bullets fired at Lord Erroll were from the same or different weapons was discussed at the resumption of the trial of the baronet on a charge of murdering Lord Erroll to-day.

Captain Thomas William Overton, an army small arms expert called for the defence, had previously expressed conviction that the bullets were from different weapons and not, as government witnesses had stated, from the same weapon. Now, replying to the judge, he said that he would not swear that there were no "true characters" on the bullets used in the crime which were not on the bullets found at the farm. He admitted that he had not used a microscope in his investigation.

**Court Adjourns**  
At the Crown's request, Captain Overton used the Government Chemist's microscope to examine the bullets, the Court adjourning for the purpose. Captain Overton asked the assistance of the Government Chemist and a police officer with the microscope. Later he said that his examination confirmed his previous evidence. In the afternoon, Captain Overton withdrew his former criticism of the Crown's bullet photographs.

## RUSSIAN ASSETS IN U. S. FREED

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuter).—The Treasury has lifted the restrictions from Russian money assets in the United States.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, signed the order at the request of the State Department and, after consulting the Department of Justice. The action in effect reverses President Roosevelt's order of June 14 freezing all Russian assets in America. It is apparently the first concrete step to aid the Soviet against Germany. The freeing of the assets will make them available to buy war materials in the United States or elsewhere.

**All Possible Aid**  
WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has declared "all possible aid to Russia."

## Portuguese Lifeboat Is Missing

LISBON, June 24 (Reuter).—The British Embassy here has issued the following statement to-day: "With regard to the sinking of the Portuguese ship Ganda, the British Embassy is in a position to state that no British or Allied submarine was, on the date in question, in the waters in which the incident occurred."

Despite diligent search by sea and air, no trace has yet been reported of the second lifeboat which, it is believed, contained forty survivors of the Ganda.

It will be recalled that the Ganda was torpedoed en route from Lisbon to East Africa, and that 23 survivors, mostly injured, were landed on Sunday by trawler. Two persons were killed.

## Calling Up Of New Zealanders

WELLINGTON, June 24 (Reuter).—Further territorial call-up in New Zealand, and those who have become 19 or 41 since the last territorial gazette.

A similar call-up will be made again in about a month, bringing in 18, 19 and 41-year-old men.

The age limit for overseas service is 21 to 40.

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## American Air Observer Killed

WASHINGTON, June 24 (UP).—The War Department to-day was advised that Lieutenant Follet Bradley, Jr., Army Air Corps observer was killed in a plane crash on June 22 near Catterick, Yorkshire, England. No details were given.



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## SINCERE'S



## CORVETTES prove their value

By Foster Barclay

ABOARD A ROYAL CORVETTE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC. — Fog closed over the Irish coast as a Royal Navy flotilla, including destroyers and corvettes manned by eager Canadian crews, steamed silently to the west, sweeping the choppy seas for submarines preying on merchant shipping.

The Canadian-built corvettes making their maiden voyages and the crews, most of them fresh from Canadian naval barracks, were impatient. They wanted action. And before the trip was over the sailors had all the excitement they wanted.

The crews had barely settled to routine sea duties when a Junkers 88 swooped from a cloud on a merchant ship struggling behind a convoy. Before the warships could swing their anti-aircraft guns two bombs screamed down.

One dropped into the sea, but the other struck the merchant ship's bridge. A puff of smoke rose and the ship's engines stopped. Corvettes covering the starboard flank opened fire, but the Nazi zoomed into the cloud.

A "trouble-shooting" corvette stood by the damaged vessel while the convoy proceeded without breaking position. After the convoy had disappeared the raider returned and tried to sink the merchantman as the injured were being transferred.

Two bombs fell astern the corvette. A geyser showered the quarter deck and the warship rocked and rolled as the pom-pom gun burst into action.

The plane turned tail and disappeared in the direction of Norway. The corvette returned unscathed to the convoy.

The crew manning the corvette I was aboard—the first launched in Canada—were eating dinner when the first alarm sounded. They dropped knives and forks, grabbed tin hats and gas masks and "doubled" to action stations.

A swastika-marked plane dived from the cloud and attacked the merchantman 100 yards away.



## Britain's Health Mystery

The United States is sending to Britain a committee of American medical men to try and find out why the people have come through the winter's blitz with better health than in the years of peace.

Medical men generally are completely baffled by the nation's fitness. They feared that, after nights of crowding in air raid shelters and exposure to all weathers on A.R.P. and fire-watching, epidemics would sweep Britain like a prairie fire.

In fact, there have been fewer cases of scarlet fever, diphtheria, pneumonia and typhoid fever, and only half the number of deaths from influenza. Whooping cough and meningitis have alone been rather more prevalent than usual.

Britain's own doctors offer various explanations of the mystery among them the dispersal of densely populated areas, the improved system of health supervision, the spread of education in preventive measures, fewer people at "the pictures" and in other public places.

All, however, are agreed that the busy, hazardous life led by 45,000,000 people leaves them neither the time nor the inclination to brood over minor ailments. The war has taken them "out of themselves."

## MEDALS FOR AID TO HUMANITY

NEW YORK.—The National Institute of Social Sciences announces its gold medal for "distinguished services to humanity" will be awarded Norman H. Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross; Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, former Minister to Norway; and former Gov. Alfred E. Smith.

Each is cited for achievements and services performed throughout his career.



Another young veteran of the films is Virginia Weidler, who has stolen so many scenes from so many famous players in so many pictures that critics have lost count. You saw her again in "The Philadelphia Story." Here she is cutting up in the playroom in her Hollywood home.



## CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play How to Win

BY JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Function of a Redouble

MOST players look on the redouble as an offensive weapon, to be used only when one is sure of fulfilling one's own contract and is not afraid of the opponents running out to a "paying sacrifice." That, of course, is the prime function of a redouble, but it is not the only one. It also can be used to great advantage as a demand on one's partner to "get out of the way," and let the redoubler in charge, as in the following hand:

West, dealer.  
Match-point duplicate.  
Both sides vulnerable

<p>                     ♠ KQ7                      ♥ J64                      ♦ A92                      ♣ A763                 </p>	<p>                     ♠ A382                      ♥ 93                      ♦ K75                      ♣ KQ64                 </p>
<p>                     ♠ 103                      ♥ 82                      ♦ 10843                      ♣ J10982                 </p>	<p>                     ♠ 103                      ♥ 82                      ♦ 10843                      ♣ J10982                 </p>

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1♥ Dbl. Redbl. 2♣  
Pass Pass Dbl. Pass

It took considerable self-restraint on West's part, first to pass to the two club bid, and second, to leave in the double of that contract. He had great confidence in his partner, however, and although the lead-in of such a double, when void of the doubled suit, is not usually the best practice, he decided to gamble it out this time. Although the result was excellent from the East-West point of view, I am strongly inclined to feel that West's "obedience" was a mistake and that it was only because declarer played hand badly that West did not live to regret it.

Three rounds of hearts were played at the start, declarer ruffing the third, while East discarded a spade. Declarer then led a low club to the ace, and when West showed out

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

<p>                     ♠ A9932                      ♥ K8                      ♦ A31065                 </p>	<p>                     ♠ 108                      ♥ 1064                      ♦ J9532                      ♣ 874                 </p>
<p>                     ♠ K54                      ♥ J73                      ♦ 10876                      ♣ 93                 </p>	<p>                     ♠ 108                      ♥ 1064                      ♦ J9532                      ♣ 874                 </p>

How should South play his contract of seven hearts, doubled by West? Opening lead, club nine.

To-morrow's Hand

<p>                     ♠ A9932                      ♥ K8                      ♦ A31065                 </p>	<p>                     ♠ 108                      ♥ 1064                      ♦ J9532                      ♣ 874                 </p>
<p>                     ♠ K54                      ♥ J73                      ♦ 10876                      ♣ 93                 </p>	<p>                     ♠ 108                      ♥ 1064                      ♦ J9532                      ♣ 874                 </p>

Answers to Previous Puzzle

<p>                     1—Greek goddess of dawn                      2—Center of Brazil                      3—Social condition                      4—Set estimate upon                      5—Youth blazer from the sun                      6—Fraternal wrongly                      7—Device for distilling liquids                      8—Treat for holding                      9—Sound made by baby chicken                      10—Blood bludge                      11—Honorary present in plane                      12—Take as with                      13—Caused to have                      14—Dispatched                      15—Strong-horse for valuable                      16—Egyptian sun god                      17—As in position                      18—Started suddenly                      19—Fish with spear-like                      20—Burn slightly                      21—In vicinity of                      22—Having lost                      23—Weakness                      24—Devoted of molasses                      25—To excessive quantity                      26—Flooded with                      27—Thin rock                      28—Airplane operator                      29—Male parent                 </p>	<p>                     30—Person who slumbers                      31—Burn slightly                      32—Ever (contraction)                      33—First king of Israel                      34—Mexican laborer who works off debt                      35—Cleanse with water                      36—Wind on hobbit                      37—Became decayed                 </p>
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# WINNING BATTLE OF THE SKIES

AGAINST the broad canvas of a conflict which, with its latest developments, has virtually become a world war, the significance of the daylight offensive by the R.A.F. over northern France during the past four days is, perhaps, liable to lose its correct perspective and to be regarded, in well-known military parlance, as merely "local activity." But the figures of relative German and British losses are too arresting to permit this valuation. The Nazis, with all the advantages of a defensive fighting unit have lost 113 planes (for certain) against the R.A.F.'s 30—a ratio of nearly four to one.

These figures give part of the picture. They demonstrate the greatness of the new Spitfires and re-emphasise the undoubted superiority of the British pilots. They illustrate that whereas the Nazi airmen, when they invade Britain, seldom escape with an adverse ratio of losses of much less than three to one, the R.A.F., when they take the war into the enemy's camp, can retain at least the same favourable proportion of losses in men and machines.

The other side of the picture which the last four days have given is that Britain is more and more attaining the position where she can raid Germany and German-occupied territory with as much intensity as the Nazis attacked England last year that she can, in fact, take the full initiative in the combat for aerial supremacy, and that British supremacy is more and more becoming a realisation.

Mr Churchill was not using vain and empty words, nor was he indulging in bravado when he promised Russia that Britain would intensify the war against Germany as a result of the Nazi onslaught against the Soviet. The Premier backed up his words by actions—actions which he knew could be taken because at long last the country is in a position to assume an aerial offensive on a major scale.

The knowledge is vastly encouraging and must surely serve to inspire the people of Hongkong to support to the limit the Bomber Fund, which is the Colony's one sure method of helping to supply the R.A.F. with the machines most needed for the successful conduct and

# THE UKRAINE Richest Land on Earth



The Ukraine is news. Germany's attack on Russia has again made people say that Hitler covets the richest province in the U.S.S.R.

HARRISON BROWN, traveller and author, who has made many trips around the world and is familiar with the Ukraine, here presents this factual article.

I WANDERED for days through the richest land on earth, the Socialist Republic of the Ukraine. Through its pretty thatched roof villages and over its collective farms; in the crowded streets of its capital, Kiev, of its great port Odessa, and of Kharkov, its chief industrial centre.

My general impression is that this most coveted, and therefore most strategically dangerous, territory represents one of the greatest Bolshevik successes. To a very large extent they have created that best of all bulwarks against aggression from outside, a contented population. It was not always so.

Even three or four years ago attack from outside might easily have been accompanied by sporadic revolt within the country itself. To-day that seems out of the question.

The Ukrainians are a gay people. Not for nothing are their folk dances and balalaika orchestras famous throughout the world. Dancing and music bubble forth as the natural expression of the Ukrainian temperament.

In other ways, too, the Ukraine is different. The people are bigger, healthier and more swarthy than the muddy-faced Muscovites. Although enslaved for generations, they have never acquired the slave mentality, and this no doubt accounts for the amazing speed with which they are now developing.

THE countryside, too, is different. The villages look cleaner with their little whitewashed cottages, their cherry orchards and flower gardens. They contrast strongly with the unpainted, dun-coloured wooden shacks and houses of the North and East. Kiev, their capital city on the Dnieper, is one of the most beautiful towns in Russia.

consolidation of this offensive. No direct appeal from Mr Churchill to this Colony could be more emphatic than the news of the last four days. Britain is winning the battle of the skies, and Hongkong has a glorious opportunity to contribute towards the final and conclusive elimination of the Luftwaffe and the avenging of London, Coventry, Southampton, Portsmouth and the other blitzed cities of Britain.

Under the Tsars the Ukrainian population of 23,000,000 were, of course, an oppressed people, to such an extent that even their language was not allowed to be taught. In 1918 the great landowners and the try is nearly as large as Germany lay under a ruthless occupation which, incidentally, has not been forgotten.

Then came Allied interventionists and a period of civil war. Between December, 1918, and August, 1919, Kiev saw fourteen different Governments arise and fall. There came then an end to the time of burning villages, but not an end of trouble.

For ten years the Ukraine was a more or less disaffected member of the Soviet Union, culminating in definite secessionist uprisings during the famine years of 1932 and 1933. In 1932 Stalin appointed Postysheff "Secretary" to the Central Executive Committee of the Ukraine. In plain English Postysheff was made dictator with carte blanche to suppress all autonomous leanings.

To-day the Ukraine is the most prosperous province of the Union and one of the most contented.

The population is over thirty million or about twenty per cent. of the total population of

# NO MORE "FRONT LINES"

THE enemy, we will imagine, occupies two towns 100 miles apart. Immediately, on our war maps, we draw a line between those two towns, and say, "There is the new battlefield."

This conception of "lines" and "fronts" dates from the last war. In this war of movement, it is often old-fashioned and dangerous.

Of course, when fronts become stabilised—as they did in Albania—troops on both sides could dig in, and real lines could be formed, not at first but by slow degrees.

Even so, there was not the continuous "line" of twenty-five years ago. Modern defences are not organised in that way.

They are, usually, small areas prepared to meet all-round attack—and there are lots of them behind the foremost ones.

These provide "defence in depth." Their purpose is to "cushion" the attack, and slow it up until it is finally checked or repulsed by counter-attack.

The spaces between these small defended areas are usually open. By day, they are covered the enemy centres of resistance

who guessed too well what it would mean for themselves, did nothing to help the peasant understand.

The attempt on the part of the Government to force hundred per cent. communism down their throats proved a costly failure.

The famine years of 1932 and 1933 were less the result of climatic conditions than of refusal on the part of the Ukrainian peasant to reap or sow. The harvest was got in largely by townspeople and forced labour.

The volte-face came with the so-called Stalin Statute, by which the peasant is allowed to possess an acre or two of land of his own and a few domestic animals. To-day there are 27,000 collective farms and all but 10 per cent. of agricultural land in the Ukraine is cultivated by State farms or collectives. The Government may be said to have retreated, but it was a retreat which brought victory.

INDUSTRIAL development is even more important. Everywhere one sees new plants in operation or in course of building. Operated by the nine giant turbines of the Dnieper Dam are enormous metal and chemical works, of which the aluminium plant alone produces more than the total production of France. There is another near by which produces more pig iron than the whole of Poland.

In Kharkov they make everything from biscuits to locomotives. The hugo tractor plant is famous. So also are the great turbine and electric generator works.

Accompanying this is a prodigious improvement in education. Before the Revolution 60 per cent. of the population was illiterate. To-day there are more youngsters in the Ukraine enjoying higher education than there are in Nazi Germany. There are 27,000 medical students alone, 30,000 in the Agricultural Colleges, and 11,000 more in the Universities for specialised agricultural work.

Almost every important industrial area in the country has its own air club and thousands of workers become trained pilots in their spare time. According to a published report, more than 100,000 applications for such training have been received so far this year.

Of what the actual military defences of the Ukraine consist is anybody's guess. The territory is part of the great European plain and lacks all natural frontiers on the West, a fact which most certainly has not been overlooked by Marshal Voroshilov.

But for a rich and coveted land the attitude of the inhabitants is a factor of the utmost importance also. It was that which I came to see, and what I have seen convinces me that an attack on the Ukraine would mean a picnic for the attacker. It might even prove an execution block.

between them and their comrades in front, the latter would have had to come back—if they could.

If they could not, they would have been destroyed.

Anyhow, it is quite wrong for us nowadays to think that because two first-moving columns 50 miles apart, have advanced 50 miles deep into enemy territory, they have therefore conquered all the country behind them or in between them.

They have not. All they have really taken and held is the ground they themselves actually occupy, as they stand.

What they have done is to disrupt the connections between the hostile defended areas, and to threaten and possibly to cut lines of communication to the rear.

If these lines of inter-communication cannot be restored, then the resistance of these isolated defended areas cannot be prolonged, because their material means of fighting will be exhausted.

Moreover, the knowledge that this is so may demoralise the garrisons and cause them to surrender or retreat at once.

Then the country in the rear of these mobile forces that have pushed so far ahead can really be said to be conquered—but not till then.

So let us get out of our heads this idea of "lines" and continuous fronts in the mobile warfare of to-day. It is as out of date as castles and crenellations.







## Around The Courses

# Advised Preservation Of Equipment And Balls

## Possible Shortage Of Sports Materials

### Rust And Rot Of Clubs

(By "Birdie")

THE TIMELY but not altogether gloomy warning forecast of Mr F. Miller, sports manager of one of Australia's biggest firms, that the effect of a long war will be a shortage in sports materials was printed on this page on Monday, and it certainly wouldn't do any harm for people in Hongkong and the Far East to pay just a little attention to the words that have been written.

Particularly so in the tropics, damage through rust to steel shafted clubs takes quite a toll on equipment. Only recently I saw two such shafted clubs snap in the hands of the wielders in the act of hitting.

The weather we are having at the moment is highly destructive. There is first the rain, then condensation and thirdly perspiration. All three soak through the leather grips and when they have wrought their damage on the club shaft and it snaps, the condition of the steel is an amazing revelation. Even without the rain, the second two sources are sufficient to create havoc. A glance at such a broken shaft is enough to galvanise one into more serious preservation of one's clubs.

Perhaps, the principle fault in the manufacture is that the shafts are not chromium plated the whole length, but only from the neck to the beginning of the grip. Underneath the grip is just plain, unprotected, metal.

This is one solution to the problem, the second is one of castor oil and methylated spirit. The main use of this is to preserve the tackiness of the leather, ensuring a better hold, but it also helps to keep moisture from reaching through to the steel.

Another source of damage to clubs is the rotting of the wooden heads. It is thus all the more imperative that clubs should be oiled after use, even the irons. Caddies, I know, are supposed to perform this duty, but the more careful player will give it his personal attention.

The junction of the head to the shaft is a vulnerable spot. Steel can be attacked through here, and the danger of snapping, especially with irons, cannot be minimised. About golf, Mr. Miller said: Restriction on imports of steel tubing and heavy local demands may stop the manufacture of golf clubs in a year or so. Used motor tyres may be balled down to make, not the present type, but a solid gutta-percha ball with only one-third the driving distance.

These are words of wisdom, and it should not be surprising if, especially with regard to imported

### Chinese Tourists Beat Sth Australia

ADELAIDE, June 24 (UP).—The Chinese touring soccer team beat South Australia 4-1 to-day.

clubs, there should be a scarcity in Hongkong before long.

ONE of the finest drainage systems that could be installed on a golf course is that of trees. But the trouble with most of our courses here is that they were once paddi-fields and the clay content of the soil prevents the water from sinking through.

This is especially so at the Country Club, Sheungshui, and the only way out there is the digging of ditches. The first fairway at Kowloon is a real teaser for the Course Committee, and even at the moment there are extensive operations in progress to take away the rain that has settled there.

But whatever drawbacks the rain may have had on that fairway, it has certainly done some good on the fifth where lizards—tree-lizards, I am told where lizards—tree-lizards, I am told they are called, though there aren't any trees for quite some distance around—have burrowed their way into the comparatively sandy ground and have tossed out their diggings on to the surface.

These lizards, seen through a big magnifying glass, would present an awe-inspiring spectacle, for they are miniatures of the great reptiles of the prehistoric ages. They are, in fact, similar to those used in the making of the film "One Million B.C."

Picturesque as they may be, they are nevertheless a great pest on a golf course. They have an aversion for water, and the recent rains have either kept them away or drowned them. I doubt if the latter cause is



The final scene of the disappointing Eric Boon-Kid Berg bout in London recently. Berg (on the canvas) won on a foul.

### Lawn Bowls Pairs

## Leonard & Ward Beat Phillips And McKelvie

### Two Matches Yesterday

TWO MATCHES in the Lawn Bowls Pairs Open Championship were played yesterday, the more exciting of the two being that in which J. W. Leonard and W. Ward, of Craigengower, eliminated R. P. Phillips and J. McKelvie, Kowloon B.G.C., 16-14 at the Kowloon C.C.

At the Civil Service C.C., C. H. Basto and J. J. Basto beat F. N. Hill and W. C. Higgs 21-13.

Leonard and Ward scored on 13 of the 21 heads at the Kowloon C.C., but in their eight heads, Phillips and McKelvie

correct, however, for past rains have not resulted in their extinction.

MOST people who play golf find it one of the most difficult and tantalising of games. But there is at least one man who will not play the game because it is "too easy," says "Golf Monthly."

Sacha Guitry, the French actor, went to Evian to take the waters and play golf. He bought a complete outfit, including gloves and umbrella, from the professional and went out for his first lesson.

After a few demonstrations from the pro, he drove his first shot well over a bunker about 200 yards down the fairway. He repeated the performance a second and third time, threw away the driver and walked off the tee, remarking: "This game is childish, too easy for me." He never came back either to play or for his clubs.

included a 5 which was recorded on the 9th end.

The Craigengower pair opened the scoring in the shuttle struggle, but on the 8th head, the totals were level, 6-all. With their five on the succeeding head, Phillips and McKelvie took an 11-6 lead, but the Craigengower men figured in a run of 1, 1, 2, 1 to level off again at 11-all.

Each side scored singles alternately over the following four ends, bringing the score to 13-all at the 17th. But with a run of three singles Leonard and Ward were in front 16-13 on the 20th.

Phillips and McKelvie could not improve on a single for the final head, and Leonard and Ward entered the next round.

Win For Bastos

C. H. AND J. J. BASTO had little difficulty against F. N. Hill and W. C. Higgs at the Civil Service C.C. green. The Recreio combination opened with a 4 and followed this with 2, 1, 1, 3 to lead 11-0 before the opposition registered a 2.

This lead was increased to 14-4 on the 9th and score at the 12th read 15-7.

Over the last nine heads, Hill and Higgs scored on six but in singles while on the three ends in their favour the Basto brothers registered 2 on the 14th, 1 on the 15th and finished off the game with 3 on the last head.

### To-day's Match

H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, last year's champions, to-day engage A. Hyde Lay and J. N. Wong at the Kowloon F.C. It will be a good game to watch though the odds are in the holders' favour.

### League Tennis

## Craigengower Trounce C.B.A. In "D" Division

CRAIENGOWER O.C. trounced Central British Association 8-1 in a "D" Division tennis match played at Happy Valley yesterday.

D. T. Smith and N. B. Whitley were the only visiting pair to win a set. K. M. Au and C. M. Leo (C.C.C.) won all three sets with the loss of only three games.

Scores were: K. M. Au and C. M. Leo (C.C.C.) beat B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert 6-1; beat D. T. Smith and N. B. M. Whitley 6-1; beat D. Tomashevsky and D. Fittinghoff 6-1.

Y. G. Mok and Y. H. Leung (C.C.C.) beat Bickford and Gaubert 6-2; beat Smith and Whitley 6-3; beat Tomashevsky and Fittinghoff 6-1.

T. K. Lien and P. C. Yu (C.C.C.) beat Bickford and Gaubert 6-1; lost to Smith and Whitley 5-7; beat Tomashevsky and Fittinghoff 6-1.

## Sunday Cricket At University

THE UNIVERSITY commence on their "Sunday cricket" programme this week-end when they meet on a tour from the Queen Mary Hospital at Pokfulam at 9 a.m.

The University team has not yet been chosen, but the Hospital will be represented by Dr. H. L. Ozorio (Capt.), E. V. Hopkinson, S. Bentley, Dr. E. L. Gosano, J. F. MacGowan, C. Haynes, Dr. Lyle, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. Mohan Singh.

## Nazi Methods Of Gaining Information

### Famed Polish Athlete Tortured To Death

LONDON, June 17 (Reuter).—Janus Kusocinski, famous Polish long-distance runner, who won the 10,000 metres championship in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 1932, has been tortured to death by the Gestapo, according to news reaching Polish circles here.

Kusocinski, like hundreds of other prominent citizens, was charged by the Germans of being connected with anti-German underground activities. Although lacking proof, the Gestapo determined to extract information from Kusocinski, and tortured him for several months before killing him.

They first broke his legs which brought him many athletic victories in various parts of the world, and during the second investigation they broke his left arm and damaged his right eye.

Later Kusocinski was thrown into a dark dungeon practically without food and water and was periodically subjected to fresh tortures.

### Broken Man

A fellow prisoner who saw the famous athlete at this stage said that he looked like a broken old man with his long white beard and was practically blind and dumb.

Kusocinski died later and his name has been added to the long list of martyred Polish patriots.

Throughout the ordeal Kusocinski refused to utter one word of value to the enemy.

### Water-Polo

## Navy "A" Beaten 6-0 By Middlesex "A"

Six games in the water-polo tournament were held yesterday, the biggest upset being Navy A's defeat by Middlesex A 6-0.

Navy A were very closely marked by Middlesex A at the Y.M.C.A. and consequently their forwards were unable to manoeuvre for goals. Middlesex forwards made the most of their opportunities in the deep-end and their faster breakaways paved the way for goals. Bindon (3), Hymas (2) and Jennings scored.

### An Upset

The 5th A.A. Regiment caused an upset when they beat 8th Constal Regiment 4-0 in the Army pool, Yabsley (2), Clarke and Wilson netting.

### Win For "X"

Scots were unfortunate to be without H. A. W. Miller and Slater, who are on the sick list, when they met Y.M.C.A. The Civilians won 4-1. A. F. May (2), Goldman and Benn scoring for the winners, and Morris, a newcomer to the Scots who shows signs of promise, netted when Goldman was out of the water.

### Signals Too Good

Signals proved much too good for Navy B who were without H. G. Thompson and were swamped 10-0. Dignan (3), Bedford (2), Hunt, Allen and McCann were the scorers.

### Small Units Superior

Small Units proved much superior to Navy C who were beaten 5-2. MacDonald (2), Nicholls, Knightley and Thorley scored for the Small Units and Doherty and Wilson replied.

### M'sex "B" Win 3-0

Middlesex B beat Scots B 3-0, Lomax, Radley and Peacock being the scorers.

## German Tennis Star Killed

BERLIN, June 10 (UP).—Heinz Landmann, former German tennis champion, has been killed in action while serving as an officer, it was officially announced to-day. Details of his death were not divulged.

During his best years, Landmann scored victories over such internationalists as Vincent Richards of the United States, Bunny Austin of Britain, and Jack Crawford of Australia.

## Clapton Orient Suspended

Clapton Orient F.C. has been suspended by the Football Association.

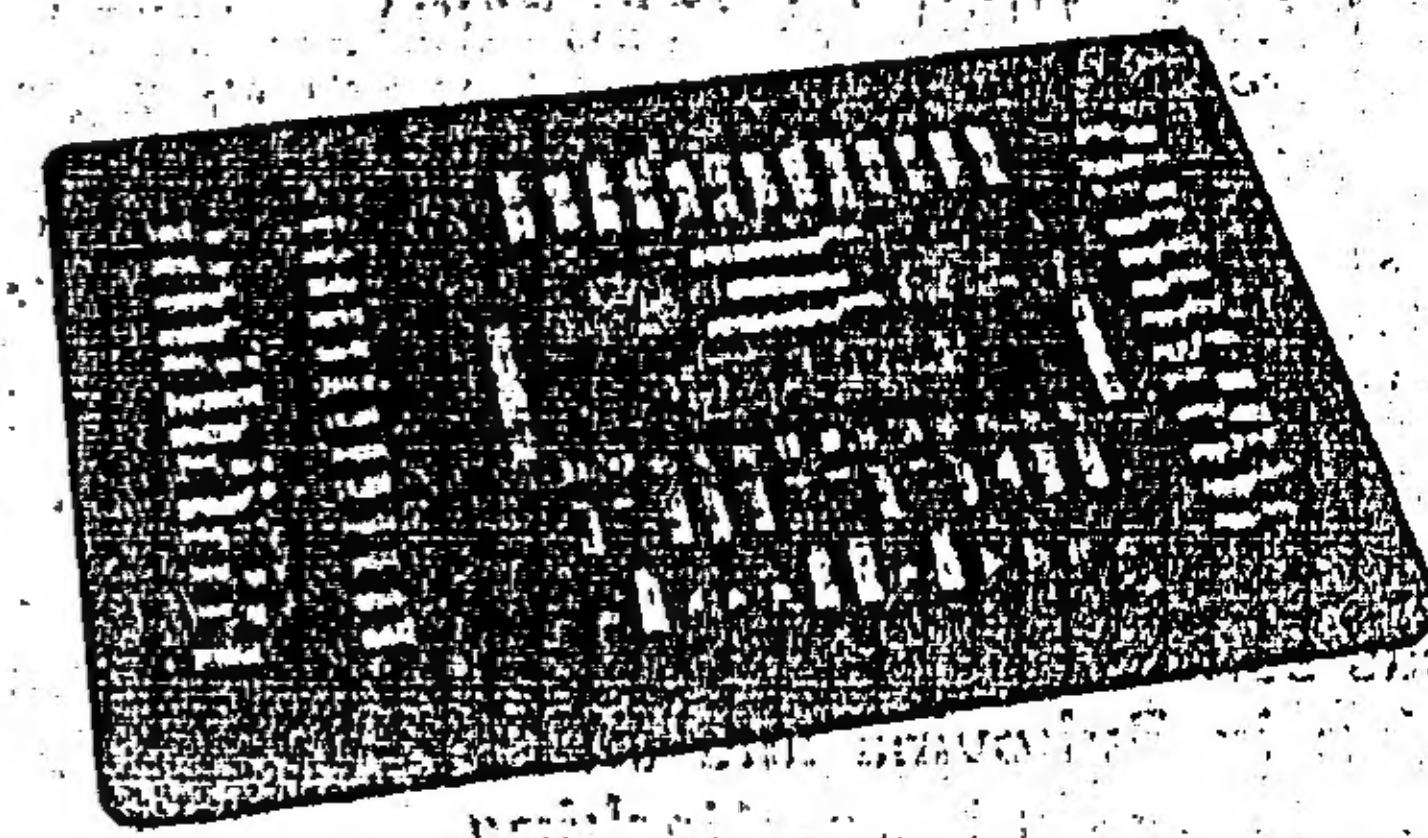
This follows complaints by players and others against the club in respect of money alleged to be due and of which the directors were invited but failed to offer an explanation within seven days.

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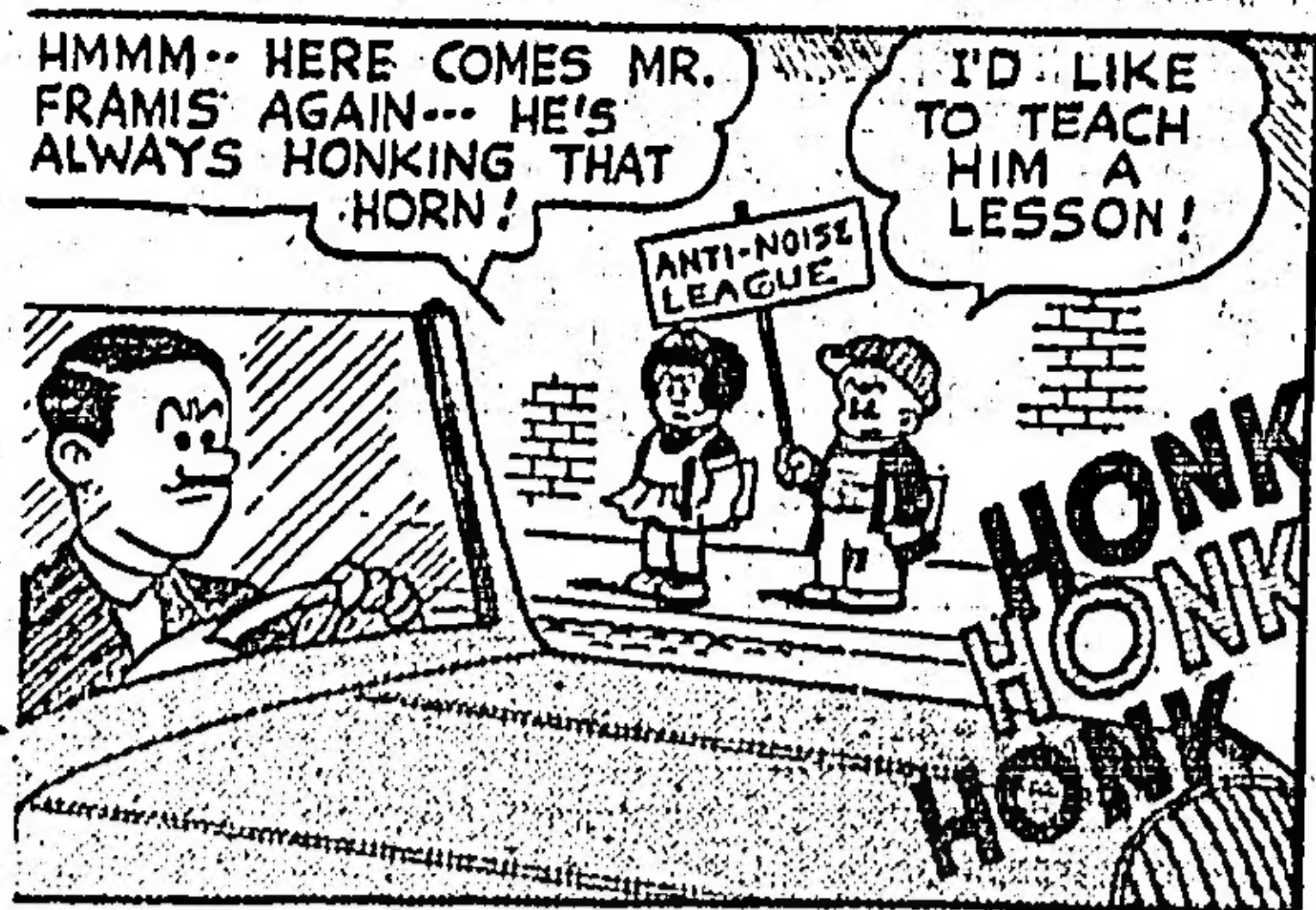


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# NANCY



## Canton Insurance Office Hold Annual Meeting

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, presiding this morning at the 60th ordinary meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., reported a most satisfactory Statement of Accounts for the year 1939.

A second donation of \$25,000 to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund was also approved.

The Consulting Committee comprised the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. D. E. Clark, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. P. H. Suckling and Mr. S. T. Williamson.

Shareholders present were Messrs D. E. Stevenson, Mr. W. Lo, P. Tessler, Horace Lo, Ho Kom-tong, D. Hung, S. Hampden-Ross, J. Fleming and Ho Sai-cheung.

The Hon. Mr. Paterson said: Gentlemen, before proceeding with the formal business, I would first explain that the delay of one month in holding this meeting is due to the late arrival of returns, without which it would have been impossible to complete the accounts in anything like their customary form.

Mr. Taggart: Further, I would like to express the regret of the General Agents and Consulting Committee at the resignation of Mr. J. H. Taggart on his retirement from the Colony owing to ill health.

Mr. Taggart served on the Committee from November, 1931, until February, this year, and during that time his valued support and advice were always at our disposal. I am sure you will be glad to know that his health has greatly improved since he arrived in California. I am pleased to inform you that Mr. P. H. Suckling has accepted our invitation to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

The Statement of Accounts for the year 1939, which we now present to you is, I am pleased to say, a most satisfactory one, the balance of \$1,365,855 (1 am omitting all cents) being an improvement of \$137,785 on that for 1938 and this in spite of further reductions in Premium and Interest of \$209,415 and \$81,062 respectively. The ratio of losses fell from 34.27 per cent. to 34.80 per cent. while that for charges rose from 30.20 per cent. to 32.50 per cent.

Substantial Increase: The balance at credit of Working Account 1940, as at December 31 last stood at \$2,029,370, an increase of \$740,484 on that for 1939 at the same stage. Although this appears to be highly satisfactory much has yet to be paid out in respect of second year losses and taxation; it is impossible in these times to make forecasts and any attempt on my part would be purely guesswork. This account discloses a yet further shrinkage in interest of \$67,958 when compared with 1939, also at the end of 12 months.

Assets Higher: Scrutiny of the balance sheet will reveal the fact that the total of assets has risen by \$1,343,113, or \$33,245 as expressed in sterling. This is mainly due to increased cash and agency balances against which we have set our new reduced holdings of Mortgages, Loans and Debentures. On the debit side the main differences will be found in respect to the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation and Underwriting Suspense Accounts, together with material increases in the figures of Accounts Payable and the balances from the two Working Accounts.

As customary, all Investments and Mortgages Loans have been brought into the Accounts at or under the market prices or face values ruling on December 31 last.

No Income From Interest: I trust you will have taken due cognizance of the serious decrease in income from interest. Were it not that the Account for 1939 looks so healthy, as does the carry forward for 1940, you Committee would have been dubious about recommending a dividend on the same lines as last year. The days when we could readily obtain a return of 5 per cent. to 6 per cent. on our funds are now gone and who can say if they will ever return?

The surplus to be dealt with from the 1939 Account is \$1,365,855, out of which has been paid an Interim Dividend of \$5 per share. We now

recommending a final payment of \$7 per share—making in all \$12 per share, which will absorb \$600,000 and the transfer of the balance of \$765,855 to Underwriting Suspense Account to close 1939 and previous years. This payment necessitates \$10,000 being taken from Working, whereas in 1937 we were able to finance a similar amount entirely out of income from interest and with \$162,000 to spare.

Interim Dividend: The balance of \$2,029,370 at credit of the 1940 Account allows of the payment of an Interim Dividend of \$5 per share for that year, leaving an amount of \$2,578,370 to be carried forward.

You will pardon me if I say no more, but to be quite frank I can think of nothing useful to add. I reiterate my hope of last year that when next we meet it will be in happier circumstances.

Second Bomber Donation: I feel assured of your approval of the donation of \$25,000 to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund which was made last June and—as will be seen—has been debited to the 1940 Account. With your agreement, we propose to donate a similar sum from the current year's funds to help the Bomber Funds second year.

I have an explanation to make in connection with the resolution that will shortly come before you relative to the re-election of our Auditors, Messrs Lowe, Bingham & Mathews and Percy Smith, Selh & Fleming. Owing to the many additional calls we make upon them, it was decided in May last year to augment their fees by \$500 per annum, to date back to January 1, 1940, but as it was then too late to obtain your confirmation, the agreed increases have not been paid. To regularise the position I shall be glad if Mr. D. V. Stevenson, when proposing the re-election and increase will make the latter retrospective to the beginning of last year.

Resolution: I now propose the following Resolution: "That the Report and Accounts, as presented, including the payment of a Final Dividend in respect of the year 1939 of \$7 per share and an Interim Dividend in respect of the year 1940 of \$5 per share and the addition of \$765,855.73 to Underwriting Suspense Account be adopted and passed."

This was seconded by Mr. D. V. Stevenson and carried unanimously. Messrs D. E. Clark, A. H. Compton, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, P. H. Suckling and S. T. Williamson were re-elected as members of the Consulting Committee on the proposal of Mr. M. W. Lo seconded by Mr. P. Tessler.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Mathews and Percy Smith, Selh & Fleming were re-elected auditors at an increased remuneration of \$2,000 each, the increase of \$500 becoming effective from January 1, 1940. This was proposed by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Horace Lo.

NO FACTS TOLD IN OPEN COURT: A fine of \$2,000 was imposed on William Huen Tseng-wel, of William Hunt & Company, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon K.C., at Central Magistracy this morning, when he pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of 16 sheets of code.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong represented Defendant. No facts were related in Court.

Compulsory Service Tribunal: It is hereby notified for general information that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Friday, July 4, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

## Japan Has Backed Wrong Horse, Says Ex-Envoy

Japan made the same mistake as Italy when she joined the Axis—she thought Britain and the Empire were "down and out," Sir Robert Clive, former British ambassador to Japan, told Vancouver Board of Trade transportation bureau recently.

"Japan may now feel she has backed the wrong horse," the tall, grey-haired diplomat said. "It is significant she is now putting out feelers with a view to stopping the war with China."

A large and enthusiastic audience of civic officials and prominent business men listened enthralled, and applauded frequently as Sir Robert presented his views of Japanese expansion and Anglo-Japanese relations, in an address given under auspices of the Overseas League.

He declared Japan joined the Axis because, while Britain stood in the way of her economic expansion more than any other country, Germany did not.

When Japanese trade began to develop after the Great War she suddenly realized that Great Britain was in possession of places that were vital to her expansion needs.

"It was not a case of individual dislike because, as it happens, the British people as individuals have always got on well with the Japanese."

Developed Trade: At one time, Sir Robert said, the idea prevailed that Japan was a military and not a commercial race. Since then, by her vast development of the cotton industry, Japan had proved her capacity for developing trade on a big scale.

Japan was involved in the last war to such a small extent that immediately after hostilities ceased she was in a position to "forge ahead."

"After the war the Japanese got away to a flying start by sending arms to Russia, and from 1920 to 1930 developed an enormous trade in cotton goods, particularly in the Far East, during the slump in Lancashire."

Push Out White Man: Sir Robert showed how Japan had followed a colonial policy of "pushing out the white man's trade."

"This is directly contrary to the British policy of encouraging free trade in all her colonies. Hongkong and Singapore are fitting examples of this policy."

"In 1934 the Japanese made a claim which practically amounted to sovereignty over the island."

"This was tested when Sir Frederic Leith Ross, a high treasury official, came out with the idea of somehow stabilizing the Chinese dollar."

"Japanese businessmen were quite in favour of that, but the military opposed it. The views of businessmen were practically identical because they always look at a problem from a practical economic point of view."

"The Japanese, by encouraging Korean gangsters to smuggle goods into North China, tried to break down the Chinese customs service."

Britons Handicapped: "Goods were poured into Tientsin, which paid no customs duties at all, with the result that the English traders who paid their duties were completely handicapped."

When France collapsed in 1940, Sir Robert continued, Japan saw a marvellous opportunity for expansion in Indo-China by signing a pact with the Axis. After that she hoped to gain economic control in the Dutch East Indies.

"This was all part of the so-called 'New Order,' Sir Robert said. 'In Japan during 1930 and 1937 they were always seizing on incidents to make trouble between different parts of the Empire. They also sent a goodwill mission to Australia, and later tried to bring Australia to lower wool prices by boycotting sales and threatening to buy her wool from South Africa.'

"Again in an effort to make a commercial treaty with India favourable to themselves, the Japanese began boycotting India goods."

"This was partly a political move aimed at causing friction in different parts of the Empire."

"The unanimity of Empire countries in the present war effort shows that her policy in this respect has failed," Sir Robert declared.

## Shortage Of Meat In Sweden But Fish Is Still Plentiful

NEW YORK—Meat including pork has been placed on Sweden's ration list along with butter, fats, coal, hides, copper and copper alloys, according to information recently published by the American Swedish News Exchange here.

The weekly allowance has been set at a half a kilogram, or a little more than a pound, of meat for each person weekly. Fish, it was pointed out, is still plentiful.

A further measure by the Government to control rising prices was also forecast by Government circles recently. Retail prices, according to official figures, have reached a point 30 per cent. higher than in August, 1939.

Loan To Finland: At the same time Sweden has agreed to send 20,000 tons of bread grains as a loan to Finland. Wheat, flour, butter, eggs, pork, seed oats, and other products will be sent to Finland under the terms of a new trade agreement between the two countries.

A gift of 400 tons of sugar will also be distributed in Finland and Norway.

Meanwhile a new industry has grown up in Sweden around the substitution of charcoal for gasoline in motor vehicles.

Wood For Engines: At present it is estimated that 50,000 motor vehicles have been converted to the use of wood-burning engines. At a recent industrial exhibition it was pointed out that production of 10,000 of these burners would require 50,000 days of work.

At least 10,000 drivers are kept busy as well as repair mechanics. In one year, Swedish industrialists figure, 10,000 vehicles consume about 3,000,000 bushels of charcoal or finely cut wood which require 1,000,000 days of work for chopping and charring.

Distribution requires at least 13,000,000 special paper bags, and this keeps several pulp and paper mills busy.

Britain's Powerful New Bomb: British accounts of the bombing of the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau have disclosed the use of a new "armour piercing weapon, first successful penetration bomb of the war."

Military experts believe, however, that the British have devised a heavier-bodied bomb which is capable of penetrating at least five inches of armour plate. It is understood to use a new steel alloy, and the British themselves have reported it as using a new and more intensive explosive.

The bomb is designed to reach its maximum velocity after a drop of 2,000 feet which permits dive bombing from comparatively accurate heights. Added details are still awaited, however, in view of the British reports of successes with the new bomb against the German battleships at Brest, which are protected with a deck armour of six inches.

Hongkong Attitude To Japanese: "Neither the British nor the Chinese in Hongkong are as anti-Japanese as in pre-war days," according to the Japanese Consul-General in Hongkong. Interviewed by the "Asahi Shimbun" on his arrival in Tokyo.

He attributed this remarkable change of attitude to the strict control of the British authorities.

He said that the National Defence Act of Britain has been thoroughly driven home to the people of Hongkong adding "it is admirable how Britain can drive home regulations to the corners of its colonies."

## Queen Wilhelmina Favours Assistance To Soviets

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, broadcasting, said: "We are full of compassion to the Russian people who have to undergo such a terrible ordeal."

To-day, it is Russia but we know that to-morrow or the day after, those mighty bulwarks of our civilisation and principles which are holy to us, the British Empire and the United States, will have to withstand the main might of Hitler's war machine.

"For this reason, when circumstances may lead to this, we shall fight by the side of the Russian people. We shall do this, remaining faithful to our viewpoint in respect of Bolshevism which is the result of our principles, for we may never forget that we reject absolutely the principles and practices of Bolshevism."

Tribute To Empire: Queen Wilhelmina paid tribute to the "firm, courageous attitude and wide statesmanship displayed by the British Empire towards this new conflict."

She said, "They, like the United States, will never tolerate a wedge being driven between our mutual co-operation for freedom and justice by Hitler's treacherous policy or that a shocking accident occur in the world-wide co-ordinated effort to bring about a victory of our arms."

BRITAIN'S AGRICULTURAL TRIUMPH: LONDON, June 24 (British Wireless).—The latest effort of Goebbels' propaganda machine to impress the agricultural populations by dropping pamphlets from aeroplanes to the effect that Britain is nearing starvation was directed at an audience who themselves are working to make the position quite the reverse.

According to the Agriculture Ministry, about four million acres of grassland have been ploughed up in two years.

The cattle population is still in the neighbourhood of the pre-war record. Sheep are high in numbers.

Fertilisers Used: More fertilisers have been spread on land in the last 12 months than ever before in British history.

The remaining grassland has been improved and is now doing a considerably bigger job acre for acre than formerly. Thousands of acres have been reclaimed, thousands of miles of ditches have been cleared out and columns of tractors, nearly 100,000 strong, are preparing for the harvest offensive.

Corn has taken on fresh life. Hay promises not to be so bad after all. Even at the peak of the last war, the country did not look more rich with food crops than it does to-day.

The Hongkong Rotary Club held a closed meeting yesterday, when club matters were discussed. The annual change of officers takes place this week.

## Germans Squeal At Bayonets

Forty Germans routed by a British patrol of seven men during the enemy assault on our defence lines at Tobruk squealed at sight of British bayonets.

"When it comes to hand fighting the Germans are about on a par with the Italians," was the comment of one of the small British party.

"In a scrap where its every man for himself they go all to pieces."

This is the story as told to a British United Press correspondent by the patrol leader, an Australian, a former commercial traveller from Sydney.

"We repulsed the fifth attack on our post by 300 German infantrymen, supported by tanks, who got within 1,000 feet of our position," he said. "Then, about 10.30 p.m., we got word that there were about forty Germans inside the wire."

"I took six men as my not to weaken the post too much. We tore into them with our bayonets."

"Don't Kill Me" Cry: "I got the shock of my life because only one showed fight. The fifth I tackled grabbed my rifle and pulled me down on top of him."

"I used my rifle on several other German heads until it broke. Then I picked up a stone. The rest of the lot, probably thinking it was a grenade, grovelled, one shouting, 'I'm a soldier of Germany. Don't kill me.'"

"Another was shouting, 'Peace, it is peace, it is peace.'"

Eric Gill's Widow Gets A Pension: Mrs. M. E. Gill, widow of Eric Gill, the sculptor, has been granted a £120 Civil List pension.

"I have no income of any sort since my husband died," she said. "This is a godsend."

"My husband was not a rich man. He lived and worked solely for his art."

Another woman to receive a £120 pension is Mrs. Matilda Helen Davies, widow of W. H. Davies, the "Tramp Poet."

"Although my husband's books continue to sell as well as ever he expected in war-time," she said, "they do not bring in quite as much as they might."

A third beneficiary is Dr. Charles Chamberlain Hurst, the scientist, who in 1933 raised a storm of criticism by proposing that the State should produce a race of super-intellectuals by breeding only from specially selected men and women.

In one of his technical works he claimed that man could produce new races of animals and plants, much more quickly than Nature, by the use of X-rays.

## Lord Kimberley Killed In Raid

On London Visit: The Earl of Kimberley, who as Lord Wodehouse was an All-England polo player of exceptional brilliance, was killed during a recent raid on London. He was 57.

He was chairman of the Bath Club, which was badly damaged by fire a few weeks ago, and had travelled to London from Norfolk to attend a meeting of the directors to discuss the future of the club.

Since he succeeded to the title in 1932 Lord Kimberley had not been much in the public eye. He was formerly a member of Mr. Buckmaster's famous polo team of "Old Champs" and played for England against the United States. From 1906-1910 he was Liberal M.P. for the old Mid-Norfolk Division.

## 100 Miles To Pay 2s 6d

An Army officer who gave his name as Lt. Harrington travelled more than 100 miles from the South of England to Kettering recently to repay a loan of 2s. 6d. on behalf of a dead soldier.

The soldier, a member of a bomb disposal squad, lost his life as a result of his duty. His dying wish was that the money be given to a member of the Kettering branch of the Red Cross.

He, from whom he borrowed it a year ago to get to Northampton.

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## RUSSIANS ADOPT OFFENSIVE

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tanks. The total number of tanks destroyed on the entire front has not yet been determined.

**Soviet Confident**  
MOSCOW, June 24 (Reuter).—"We know that the enemy who has attacked us is strong. We do not expect an easy victory. We know that victory over Fascism will be difficult and will demand many sacrifices, but we also know that we shall win," says Pravda.

The paper recalls that the German attempt to seize the Ukraine in 1918 was defeated with tremendous losses despite the fact that the Russians then were "exhausted by an imperialist war, poorly armed and supplied," and adds: "Since then, our forces have grown immensely. We possess a powerful, splendidly armed and supplied Red Army and navy capable of dealing a crushing blow to any enemy."

**Russian Raids**  
LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Fresh battles and bitter hand-to-hand fighting all along the vast Soviet frontier are reported in the latest dispatches available here on the Russo-German hostilities, but there is no mention of specific points.

While all German reports speak of terrible resistance by Russian troops, Moscow newspapers this morning splashed a report that Soviet planes bombed targets in Germany yesterday after flying 440 miles from their bases in Russia.

The Germans, however, make several big claims, including crushing a Russian frontier division "in spite of stubborn resistance." Nazi troops are using flame throwers against Russian pill-boxes which are built to a depth of three miles.

**On To Latvia**  
LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Reports from Helsinki state that German troops have occupied the last Lithuanian town on the road to Riga and are now only a few miles from the Latvian frontier.

**Soviets Resisting**  
BERLIN, June 24 (UP).—The Propaganda Company reports to-day indicated that the Soviet troops are generally resisting vigorously in individual engagements and larger battles involving motorized units. However, it is reported that the Germans claim the great success against the Soviet tanks. In one battle alone, six tanks were destroyed in less than half an hour.

The same report admitted that the Soviet soldiers "defended themselves unsuitably." Another report describing an apparently large engagement, indicated the Soviet resistance by the statement that the Reds advanced on one of the German flanks, but it was added that the Soviet troops were quickly thrown back and the Germans continued their steady advance.

## French Warships Attacked

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of the Mediterranean Fleet are giving continuous and active assistance to the advance of our armies along the coast of Syria by carrying out bombardments of military objectives at strong points of resistance.

"In the early hours of yesterday morning, two Vichy destroyers attempted to interfere with our operations. They were at once heavily engaged by our ships and both were seen to be hit several times before they retired under cover of a smoke-screen to the shelter of their shore batteries."

"At least one other destroyer of the Chevalier Paul class, which had been operating against us in Syrian waters, had already been hit and almost certainly sunk by torpedoes from naval aircraft."

"Naval aircraft also carried out successful attacks on the ports of Beirut and Tripoli (Syria) and on warships and shipping in these ports. Throughout the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, our submarines continued to inflict losses on the enemy. A supply ship in convoy has been sunk, and a successful attack has been made on a large Italian liner of about 20,000 tons. This ship was hit by two torpedoes."

A message has been sent to the C-in-C of the Mediterranean asking him to convey the congratulations of the Board of the Admiralty to our submarines on their increasingly successful operations."

## \$50,000 GIFT TO BOMBER FUND

A munificent donation of \$50,000 to the Bomber Fund was received this morning from Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

This is the second gift of \$50,000 made to the fund by this company.

When the Bomber Fund was inaugurated a year ago, Messrs Jardine, Matheson were among the first contributors to the fund.

## UNFIT FOR WORK Fined £10

Two process workers who through drink were unable to work, were fined £10 each at Manchester. The men, Joseph Willis of Stanley Street, Gorton, and John Gough of Hassoop Street, Beswick, were accused of having done "acts calculated to interfere with the performance of their work by persons engaged in work of national service."

## Slovaks Raise Laugh

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—According to a Bratislava dispatch quoted by the official German news agency, the Slovakian army has joined the Germans "in the defence of European culture."

## WISHFUL THINKING BY NAZIS

Reverse Recent Air  
Losses

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—"The German Army's operations have proceeded, very satisfactory according to plan."

This is the only reference to the Russian campaign contained in a German High Command communiqué.

It proceeds to say that British aircraft attempted a daylight sweep over occupied territory in which the enemy lost three aircraft compared with Germany's three.

(It is remarked in London that the German habit of reversing the figures of aerial losses reflects the anxiety of the Wilhelmstrasse to divert German attention from the unpleasant fact that Germany now faces a campaign on two fronts.)

**Big Guns**  
The communiqué records that a German long-range battery shelled British shipping in the English Channel.

During Monday night, German aircraft bombed harbour installations in the Thames Estuary and also southeast England, causing large fires.

British bombers on Monday night dropped a small number of high explosive incendiary bombs in northwestern Germany, hitting residential buildings and killing and wounding several civilians. The enemy lost three aircraft. In these operations in which a German night fighter claims to have registered its 200th night victory.

## R.A.O.C. Blankets Case Judgment

Judgment was given by Mr D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning in the case in which seven persons, including a corporal of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, were charged with conspiring to steal 215 blankets, valued at \$2,000, property of the Military Authorities at Matakok Depot, Kowloon City, on April 14.

Defendants were Lo Yau, 38, the No. 1 in charge of the tent repair shop, R.A.O.C. Depot, Lai Hop, 28, tent mender, Wong Keung, 23, hairdresser, Chan Shun, 27, a woman, Cpl. Leonard Munsey, 29, Li Po, 30, and Tsim Tse, both tent menders.

**Additional Charge**  
Munsey was additionally charged with larceny of three blankets, two sheets, a mosquito curtain and an electric light bulb, and alternatively charged together with the woman with receiving stolen property.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman conducted the prosecution, Mr M. A. da Silva appeared for first Defendant, Mr Hing-shing Lo for second, while Mr C. D'Almeida represented Munsey and the woman.

First, second and third Defendants were all convicted by His Worship on the first count, and were each fined \$250 or three months' hard labour. All the other Defendants were discharged.

The evidence against them was entirely based upon that given by the first three Defendants and the Prosecution had no evidence against them.

## Stanley Prison Officer Dead

Prison Officer Dedear, Stanley Prison, died at Stanley during the night.

P. O. Dedear returned to the Colony only two months ago from Sydney where he had spent nine months' sick leave with his wife, two daughters and a son.

P. O. Dedear, who was 47 years of age, joined the Prison staff in 1921 after having served with Royal Artillery in the Great War.

He used to do a good deal of boxing, as a well-known fighter in the old City Hall and was a Corporal in the Stanley Platoon, H.K.V.D.C.

The funeral will take place this evening, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

## No Raids On Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, June 24 (UP).—A joint communiqué issued by the Ministry of Home Security and the Air Ministry states that there was no enemy air activity over Britain up to 8 p.m., adding, "one enemy bomber was destroyed in a small attack on this country last night."

## Too Much Smoke From A Launch

For permitting their launch to issue smoke in such quantity as to be a nuisance while lying alongside the Vehicular Ferry Wharf on June 10, two employees of the Hongkong and Yau-mat Ferry Company were fined \$10 each by Cmr J. Jolly at the Marine Court this morning.

Defendants, Lo Kam-sui, and Chung Yee-cow, and engineer respectively of the launch Man Ping, were summoned by Sgt H. B. Dowar who acted in co-operation with the Ferry Company.

Sgt Dowar said that the smoke, which was very black and thick, drifted over on to the Fire Brigade Building. It had been going on for some time.

## Baku Oil Fields On War Footing

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—A vast army of workers in the Baku oil fields have been placed on war footing since the beginning of hostilities, states the Moscow radio.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

**Buyers**  
H.K. Banks \$1,315  
Bank of East Asia \$72  
Canton Ins. Co. \$212.50  
H.K. Fire Ins. \$180  
Indo-China (Pref) \$80  
Wharves \$98  
Docks \$15.10  
Providents \$5.45  
Hotels \$3  
Lands \$32  
Realities \$2.90  
Trams \$16.35  
Star Ferries \$51.75  
Yau-mat Ferries \$21.35  
Lights "O" \$9.95  
Electricity Rts \$10.85  
Telephones "O" \$22.40  
Telephones "N" \$8.00  
Cements \$14  
Ropes \$7.00  
Watsons \$10.15  
Entertainments \$0.30

**Sellers**  
Watsons \$10.45

**Sales**  
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1034) 04½  
Providents \$5.40/5.50  
Trams \$16.50  
Lights "O" \$9.05  
Electricity Rts \$11  
Macao Electric \$18.05  
Ropes \$8

## Wild Boar Takes A Night Out

A large and ferocious Indian wild boar was hunted in the heart of London recently.

It had escaped from its enclosure in the Zoo during the night.

When keepers arrived in the morning they discovered the pig asleep in the middle of a big lawn.

It awoke immediately, and a pig-sticking party of keepers and A.F.S. men was organised.

Many exciting moments followed.

One was when the boar began to charge a lorry, but thought better of it, and swerved at the last moment.

After an hour's run the boar was driven into a narrow lane between wire fences. Two biscuits were thrown into the entrance of his cage, and in he walked.

"The pig has been particularly bad-tempered since his wife died four months before," said his keeper.

## LATE NEWS

## Heavy Attacks By The R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
SOUTHEAST COAST TOWN, June 25 (UP).—The R.A.F. delivered what watchers on the southeast coast described as one of their biggest attacks on Boulogne and Calais early this morning.

Clusters of searchlights swept the sky and reached halfway across the English Channel as waves of bombers roared in to the attack.

The Germans put up a very heavy anti-aircraft barrage, but the raid continued without a break.

## New Air Service Possible

SHUIKWAN, June 25 (Inter-national).—It is reported that the Eurasian Aviation Corporation may maintain a service from here to Hongkong to relieve the services maintained by the China National Aviation Corporation.

Hundreds of passengers are awaiting for air accommodation for Hongkong, Kweilin, Chungking and elsewhere.

## Nazis Claim Fall Of Capital

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
Istanbul, June 24 (UP).—Ankara Radio reported to-day that German and Rumanian troops had occupied Chisinau, capital of Bessarabia, 40 miles east of the Pruth River.

The announcement added that German and Rumanian troops had also occupied Bolgrad, 25 miles northeast of Galati, as well as Cernauti across the Soviet-Rumanian border.

## Aerial Losses: Moscow Figures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NEW YORK, June 24 (UP).—The N.B.C. reports that it picked up a Moscow communiqué stating that 374 Russian planes had been destroyed, mostly on the ground at aerodromes.

The communiqué added: "In aerial engagements 161 enemy planes have been shot down and at least 220 enemy planes have been destroyed on the ground at aerodromes."

## Mr Roosevelt's "Join Up!"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, June 24 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day urged United States citizens to enlist in the British technical armed forces, so long as they do not swear allegiance to the King.

"What have you there?" inquired the colonel, "White mice." "But you can't take white mice into the Army," "In that case," said the volunteer, "I don't join."

So the colonel, not being anxious to separate the stalwart heart from its beloved pet, allowed them to go into the Pioneer Corps together!

Another man, asked his occupation, said he was a vermin catcher, but it transpired that he was a professional rabbit trapper.

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